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IN GREAT MASS MEETING EN- DORSES CONVENTION.

Daniel De Leon, Late Delegate from New York, Reviews Giant Strides Made by Revolutionary Working Class Delegates Assembled in Brand's Hall—Only Thirteen Years Since Powderly, but the Progress is That of Thirteen Hundred.

Pateron, N. J., October 17.—An attentive and earnest audience of wage workers, men and women, filled Helvetia Hall last night at the meeting called to ratify the work done by the second annual convention of the I. W. W.

Ulrich Frueh, who was a delegate from the silk workers to the convention, acted as chairman, and introduced Daniel De Leon of New York, the speaker of the evening. De Leon said in part:

"While I might have preferred to wait for the dust of the great battle that took place at Chicago to have settled before speaking upon that event, still at your invitation, I have come, and I can say that even to-day the result of what the Chicago convention accomplished is becoming clearer.

The I. W. W. convention held in Chicago from September 17 to October 3 was a most memorable event; it marks a date in the history of the Labor Movement in America. Last year we realized that we had formed something that would leave its mark in history. The organization launched last year could not choose but draw the hostility of all the forces in the land that are opposed to working class emancipation. That opposition was expected, nay it was there in the first convention, to prevent organization if possible. The enemy was keener than we had any idea of, and that enemy clearly perceived what the I. W. W. was organized for. Those allied enemies, failing to prevent organization, then started in to do their best to cripple it, to discourage it. Our enemies failed to cripple the organization, then they concentrated their efforts for an assault on the second annual convention. They tried to prevent the convention being held, and when the convention was held they hung on, hoping against hope that they might prevail; routed in the convention they resorted to hired and armed thugs, but the deathless principle of the preamble prevailed."

De Leon then summed up the class-conscious principles of the I. W. W. and set forth its united form of organization, contrasting them with the lack of working class principles of pure and simple unionism and its dividing-of-the-workers form of organization. The speaker showed that the capitalists realized that the I. W. W. was a challenge to all the powers of reaction and to capitalism an imminent danger. They recognized that here was no "beautiful" pure and simple union with which they could enter into Civic Federation wedlock.

Continuing De Leon said that in this country in the Labor Movement there are two widespread superstitions, one with regard to the economic, and the other to the political weapon of Labor. The political superstition was natural enough in Europe, where the working class movement has to finish up what the capitalist revolution had left unfinished. In the course of civilization we start modern history with the feudal system, in which the feudal lord owned the land and the people too, and in transferring land the people went with it. His wealth and power being based upon land the feudal lord prohibited any development that would weaken his position and power. Production and commerce were hampered but the bourgeoisie, the dwellers in burghs, gathered funds, carried on production and exchange, developed manufacture and finally the overthrow of feudalism took place. But in Europe it was not a complete overthrow; there were compromises, so that the result was feudal-capitalism and capitalist-feudalism. Consequently the Socialist Movement there finds its nose butted against the boulders that feudalism left in the way.

In the United States, which was then under British feudal rule, the feudal system went by the board and no where else did this happen.

In illustrating the point that feudal

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THEIR TEETH IN EACH OTHER'S CALVES.

Hearst and Hughes, the Democratic and the Republican standard-bearers in this State, have their teeth firmly fastened in each others' calves.

Hughes, addressing the workmen of Buffalo, referred to the swelling indignation of the Working Class as "loose talk" whereupon Hearst justly fastens his teeth in the calves of the Republican upholder of the reign of capitalist terror and capitalist debauchery.

The man who can refer to the indictment, drawn by the Working Class against the idle Capitalist Class, as "loose talk"—the man who can dare dub "loose talk" the charge that wages are going down, prices going up, adulteration of goods spreading, capitalist recklessness with the lives of the workers increasing inhumanly, capitalist defiance of law, capitalist debauchery of the family—the man who has the effrontery glibly to slide over these acts of felony, and Pecksniffianly to brush them aside as "loose talk"—such a man stands self-convicted a social felon, a winker-at and upholder of felony;—such a man approves himself to be possessed of a heart that is petrified and a brain that is petrified;—such a man deserves only to be spewed out by civilized society; his aspirations to be the head of the Empire State deserve to be snowed under an avalanche of indignant voters too deep for the hand of resurrection to fathom.

Hearst, touring the State in his two private cars, is uttering anathema against "predatory Trusts" whereupon, with equal justice, Hughes fastens his teeth in the calves of Hearst, a typical setter-up of, and a profiteer by predatory Trusts—

The Trust magnate, who, like Hearst, ventures to denounce Trusts while himself has his Trust hands deep in the people's pockets;—the shameless being, every crumb of the food with which he feeds, and every shred of the clothing with which he covers his rotten carcass, is plunder leveled upon the Working Class;—the degenerate who looks upon mankind and its institutions as so much merchandise in the show-windows of Society to be purchased by him who has the cash, no matter how gotten;—the reprobate who only sees in the miseries of the Working Class fresh opportunities for exploitation;—such a despicable being but plays the role of the runaway thief crying "Catch thief!" when he points the finger of scorn at his equally guilty Republican adversary.

Let the two dogs, Hearst and Hughes, tear each other to pieces. They can do the job none too well, or too soon. They enact on the stage of the Empire State the scene enacted upon the stages of all the other States. While those two parties are doing their work, let the intelligent element among the workers—too intelligent to take a hand in such a dog fight, too wide awake to be caught in the clapnet of bogus Socialist parties that are in-

spired by Civic Federation Unionism,—let the intelligent workers rally to the standard of the Uplifted Arm and Hammer, to the standard of the Socialist Labor Party, to the gubernatorial standards, carried—

In the State of New York by Thomas H. Jackson;

In the State of Connecticut by C. F. Roberts;

In the State of Massachusetts by Wm. H. Carroll;

In the State of Michigan by Herman Richter;

In the State of Pennsylvania by John Desmond;

In the State of Rhode Island by David J. Moran;

In the State of Texas by A. S. Dowler; and

In the State of Wisconsin by O. J. Roseans;

In the State of Illinois by Philip Veal as Superintendent of Public Instruction;

In the State of Indiana by Theo. Bernine as Secretary of State;

In the State of New Jersey by N. M. Hemberg, Walter Gilpin, Frederick W. Ball, Frank Rapp, Christian J. Wolf, Bernard Burgholz, Ulrich Frueh, Herman Hartung, and Gustave Johnson as Members of Congress in their respective districts;

In the State of Ohio by Max Eisenberg as Secretary of State; and

In the State of Washington by F. H. Conant as Judge of the Supreme Court.

In Hoc Signo Vincas—All else is waste of time.

ordered more literature to be sent to Elmira for Scannell and myself to dispose of, and anticipate a big meeting in the Jamestown City Hall."

Speaking of the kind regard exhibited toward him by his co-workers, Jackson said:

"This bit of trust placed in me by the Socialist Labor Party, has been a means of enriching myself with what I sorely needed—experience. Experience, not only in the movement itself, but of those engaged in it. Green and unripe, I fully appreciate the expressions of encouragement and assistance so nicely given by all."

Jackson makes a good impression. Let us hope that his experience will leave him unflattered and unspooled.

KATZ AND BROOKS.

Continue Good Work in Spite of Unfavorable Weather.

Syracuse, N. Y., October 21.—Rudolph Katz and myself reached Buffalo from Dunkirk on the afternoon of Thursday, October 11, and found that city wrapped in a blanket of snow.

That evening we were present at the organization of the Jewish S. L. P. Club at the Socialist Labor Party's headquarters. R. Katz spoke in German, and his remarks were highly appreciated. This club is composed of bright young Jewish working men and women and they have a good grasp of working class economics.

The following three days were spent in distributing literature and in soliciting for subs; good work in both lines being accomplished. Sunday afternoon we listened to an interesting talk by Lander Armstrong, on Issues of the Present Campaign. R. Katz followed with a general resume of our tour up to date.

Monday noon found us in Niagara Falls where we were assisted by Harry Kellar. Kellar is a thorough-going energetic S. L. P. worker; and we found traces of his activity wherever we went in that city. We held a street meeting on the night of our arrival, with indifferent results, the evening was cold; and very few working men on the streets. Two subs were secured and two pamphlets sold.

We learned while in Niagara Falls that Local 114, International Cigar Workers' Union of Jackson, Ill., had made motion to join the Industrial Workers of the World; and that the Local of Cigarmakers at Niagara Falls would endorse this motion.

We next visited Lockport. While distributing literature throughout the paper mills, the most important industry in this city, we were told that "at the glass works the men were all Socialists." On visiting the glass works we found this partly true, that nearly all (about 50 in number) had become in some degree inoculated with socialist principles. We talked with three of the clearest and found them well informed on the abstract theories of Socialism but only partly on the economic organization. R. Katz explained this question in his convincing manner, and we believe from the interest shown, with good results. At least we left Lockport with the idea that we had reached the true revolutionary element of the S. P. These three men subscribed for The Weekly People.

On footing up our subscription lists we found we had secured 19 subscriptions to The Weekly People, during the week; good results considering all conditions.

We reached Syracuse Friday, October 19, in a heavy rain storm, which continued far into the night.

Saturday being fair we distributed a large amount of literature and got two subs. In the evening we held a large meeting on the Packet Dock, Chas. H. Corrigan and Rudolph Katz speaking. A number of pamphlets were sold.

Samuel L. Brooks.

S. L. P. IN OLD PLACE

On Official Ballot—Dismal Prophets Upset Once More.

Albany, N. Y., October 18.—The Socialist Labor Party will appear in the fifth column of the official ballot; that is, it will appear in the identical place it occupied in the last State election. Those who predicted in 1904 that the Socialist Labor Party would never again appear on the official ballot, will have to revise their prophecies.

Watch the label on your paper. It will tell you when your subscription expires. First number indicates the month, second, the day, third the year.

VEAL'S GOOD WORK

HOLDS IMMENSE NOON-DAY MEETINGS IN MILWAUKEE.

Also Delivers the Message of Socialism To Big Crowds At Night—Social Democratic Opposition Brushed Aside—Seed Sown Falls on Fertile Ground

Milwaukee, October 15.—Philip Veal, national organizer of the Socialist Labor Party, is in this city at present aiding Section Milwaukee, also the movement throughout Wisconsin, as the intention is to have our national organizer speak in the larger cities in the State. While in the city Veal has spoken to large gatherings of workmen, he having addressed three immense noon-day meetings of the employees of the National Harvesting Company.

Of course, the Social Democrats tried hard to annoy Veal, but of no avail. Veal being a typical S. L. P. worker, knows how to handle the subject under discussion and also understands how to deal with the political and economic fakir for whom Milwaukee has become famous; we mean those that speak about "a two-armed labor movement"—one being active in behalf of Gompers and his infamous A. F. of L., the other denouncing this same mogul and "combatting" his teachings!

The Section has also held many other meetings, indoors as well as on the street corner. Saturday night, for instance, there was an open air meeting at Wells and Second streets. The weather was splendid, just the kind of weather people like to be outdoors, to take a walk "down town," in the waning autumn days; consequently, our speakers, Veal and Sims, had all the evening great crowds listening to them. On Sunday afternoon, a meeting was held in the hall at the corner of Seventh and State streets. Our Russian comrade, H. Rollender, was the principal speaker, speaking in Yiddish. He was listened to with great interest by a gathering of his fellow-countrymen who completely filled the hall.

But why go more into detail about all that is done and transpiring in behalf of the S. L. P.—in behalf of the working class movement here in the city of Milwaukee or throughout the Badger State? Some of the seed we sow may fall on barren ground, may be swept away by the cyclone of the opposition; others may be crushed by the leaden weight of the vehicle of stupidity and ignorance or eaten by ravenous birds of prey, yet we know and are convinced—facts have proved this—that part of the seed we are sowing is falling in the fertile soil, where, nursed by time and endurance, it will take root and develop.

H. B.

ORGANIZER VEAL'S DATES IN WISCONSIN.

Appleton.	October 28-9
Wausau.	October 30-1
Superior.	November 1-5

BOSTON ATTENTION!

Frank Bohn, National Secretary of the Socialist Labor Party, will speak Sunday, Oct. 28, at 3 p. m. under the auspices of the Massachusetts S. L. C. at Knights of Honor Hall, 730 Washington street, Boston, Mass.

RALLY—IN RHODE ISLAND.

The position of the capitalist class, under guise of the Republican and Democratic parties, will be unmercifully exposed and contrasted with the unveiled position of the Socialist Labor Party, at Textile Hall, 1955 Westminster street, Providence, R. I., SATURDAY evening, October 27. Frank Bohn, National Secretary, will be the principal speaker. Meeting at 7:30 p. m.

ATTENTION, BOSTON!

Frank Bohn, National Secretary, will address the members of Section Boston at their headquarters, 1165 Tremont street, SUNDAY evening, October 28, at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present, as matters of importance will be discussed.

Thomas Maher, Secretary.

ATTENTION! JAMESTOWN, N. Y.

Thomas H. Jackson, candidate for Governor of the Socialist Labor Party, will speak at the City Hall on SUNDAY, October 28, 3 p. m. Admission free.

INSPIRING REPORTS

FROM ALL OVER COUNTRY TO
I. W. W. HEADQUARTERS.

Local Men Jubilant Over Prospect—Case in Chancery to Come Up on the 26th Inst.—More Resolutions Received from the Rank and File Condemning Reaction and Thugism.

Chicago, Ill., October 19.—The hearing in the case of the I. W. W. before a master in chancery is set for the 26th inst. I. W. W. men here are jubilant at the prospect; from every quarter most encouraging reports are coming in. Fifteen thousand copies of the Bulletin were printed and they are going out all over the country. At headquarters in Bush Temple, Trautmann has a big job getting the new office in order, but he finds ready helpers; all are feeling fine.

The Bulletin consists of four pages of matter, and is most encouraging in its nature. It contains an address to the membership by the new G. E. B., which is bristling with ugly facts for the worsted reactionists. The official minutes of the first week of the convention up to the time of the commencement of the stenographic report, are given in full, together with the expert accountant's financial report, including Sherman's shameful expense account, with "meals," "extra meals," and then "incidentals" far exceeding the other expenses of the trip.

The bulletin also contains the report of the Constitution Committee and other matters submitted to the referendum vote. The voting blanks will be forwarded within a few days.

An editorial by A. S. Edwards, re-elected by the convention as Editor of the Industrial Worker, treats of the work of the convention and the obstacles it overcame.

As important as anything else in the Bulletin, is the long list of telegraphic and mail endorsements of the convention and the new Board, from which the following ones which have not appeared in The People are taken:

Jerome, Ariz., Oct. 9.—The Arizona State Union of the Western Federation of Miners, Department of Mining Industries of the Industrial Workers of the World, recognizes and endorses only the officers chosen by the second annual convention held at Chicago, September 17 to October 3, as the only officers of the said organization, and they do not recognize fakirs, grafters or bolters of any kind, who dare to assume authority.

—Albert Ryan, Secretary and Treasurer Arizona State Union.

Butte, Mont., October 10.—Your cause must win. We are in accord with your position. Be steadfast. I see the light

of a new and better day. Enclosed are two P. O. orders for \$200, one from Mrs. Haggerty, the other from Patrick Dwyer. Yours for the revolution, M. P. Haggerty.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 7.—Industrial Council endorses my stand at the convention—Anthony Bohling.

Schenectady, N. Y., Oct. 8.—Enclosed find check for \$50, a donation from No. 34 (ex-department M. & M.) to help tide over temporary financial difficulties. All Schenectady is loyal to the I. W. W.—E. J. Lund, Recording Secretary.

Belleville, Ill., Oct. 12.—Enclosed find \$5 from Wm. Andrews, Henry Goss, Wm. Yochum, Chas. Elbrechter, and Walter Goss. Locals 162 (Belleville) and 367 (Collinsville) both endorse the actions of the convention.—Walter Goss.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 8.—At joint special meeting of Mixed Local 73 and Bakers' Local 31, I. W. W., it was decided to send \$10 to you, as our answer to Sherman & Co., asking for funds. By order of the Locals.—Emil Guth, Secretary.

Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 6.—You have our entire moral and financial support, and we are with you in this fight.—S. L. Goldin.

The list of I. W. W. Councils and locals sending resolutions to the Daily and Weekly People, condemning Sherman, Mahoney, et. al. and endorsing the convention and the new executive board, headed by St. John and Heslewood, with Wm. E. Trautmann, as general secretary-treasurer, continues to grow in number and importance.

The following locals have been added to those already reported, and their resolutions have been published in full in the Daily People:—Pittsburg Industrial Council; Pittsburg Local Union 215; Paterson Industrial Council; Paterson Blacksmith's Helpers' Union No. 63; Portsmouth, Va., Machinists Local 39; Bridgeport Local, 260; St. Paul Local, 307; Portland Mixed Local, 92 and Woodworkers' Local, 819; New York Hotel Workers' Local, 130; Paterson Italian Silk Workers' Local, 252; Columbus Local 257; Cincinnati Cigarmakers Industrial Union, 243; Peoria Local, 189; Wichita Industrial Workers' Union, 205 and Bakers' Industrial Union, 224; Worcester Local, 230; Brooklyn Local, 206; Cape Charles, La., Local, 280; Seattle Local, 178 and Metal Workers, 79; Brooklyn Industrial Workers' Union, 380; San Francisco Local, 173; Oklahoma Locals 230 and 357; and New Orleans Industrial Union No. 38.

Most all the resolutions appearing in the Daily and Weekly People were also ordered sent to the Miners' Magazine. None of them has been published therein to date.

A local of the I. W. W. was formed at Patchogue, L. I., on October 20; and a good agitation meeting was held in

JACKSON'S MEETINGS

FAIRLY SUCCESSFUL DESPITE
COLD WEATHER EN ROUTE.

Noon-day Talk At Yonkers—Hearst's Binghamton Audience Given S. L. P. Leaflets—Sunday Afternoon Address Produces Good Results—A Look Ahead, and An Appreciation.

Oneonta, N. Y., October 16.—Thomas H. Jackson, Socialist Labor Party candidate for Governor, speaking here today on his tour homeward, says:

"The meetings since leaving New York last Thursday have been fairly successful. At Yonkers a street meeting was arranged by the Section in the evening. The temperature was low and the audience followed suit in attendance. A small crowd gathered but did not become permanent at any time on account of the cold. Five pamphlets only were sold. Falling in agitation and propaganda Yonkers made up in contributions to the campaign fund, \$6.50 being donated. A noon-day meeting was also held at the Otis Elevator Works, by myself and co-worker, D. A. Scannell.

"At Port Jervis the late hour of our arrival and the cold weather prohibited a meeting. No agitation was done. The long jump from there to Binghamton left little time for work, so we used it in looking up the sympathizers.

"At Binghamton, a fairly good street meeting was held Saturday night. Hearst was in town. We attended his meeting after our own and distributed most of our 2,000 leaflets there. The results of this two-fold agitation will, no doubt, be good.

"The indoor meeting in Binghamton Sunday afternoon was small, but attended by good material. After the talk, a good discussion brought out many good points and showed much interest. One new member was secured for the Section and several bright young men were interested.

"At this town, Oneonta, we held a splendid meeting last night, speaking to some 300 workers. Twenty-three booklets were sold. It seems impossible for us to find enough money in their pockets for subs, yet we (Scannell and myself) shall hunt for some of the latter this morning.

"I look forward to good work from now until we reach Buffalo. I have

Brooklyn on October 22 by the Architectural and Structural Iron Workers Local.

See page three for the latest statement issued by Gen. Secretary-Treasurer Wm. Trautmann and the new executive board, consisting of Vincent St. John, Fred W. Heslewood, Gustave Maichele, T. J. Cole and Eugene Fischer.

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AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL EVOLUTION

From the Frontier to the Factory; Its Social and Political Effects.

WRITTEN FOR THE PEOPLE BY JUSTUS EBERT,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

(This essay will be published serially in this and subsequent issues.)

CHAPTER V. CONTINUED.

(Continued from last week.)

GREATEST OF TRUSTS SUBSTANTIATES ECONOMIC ORIGIN THEORY.

The greatest of modern trusts is the United States Steel Corporation. In its development we have a further substantiation of the argument regarding the competitive origin of the trust; also a history of the development of the trust from its very inception. The main constituent of the United States Steel Corporation is the Carnegie Steel Company. This company began in 1865—during the Civil War—as the Union Mills Company. Formed of the Kluksa, Phipps, Carnegie co-partnership bearing that name, and the Cyclops Iron Co.—a rival concern—the Union Mills Co. was both a type of the industrial transition of the time and a forerunner of modern consolidation. The Union Mills Co., with its half-million of capital evolved into the Carnegie Steel Co., with its half-billion purchase price, paid by the U. S. Steel Corporation. The history of the Carnegie Steel Co. is the history of one consolidation after another, forced by bankruptcy, invention and competition, fostered by governmental and railroad protection and patronage, at first; and deliberately entered into later on, when the tendencies and the principles underlying consolidation had forced themselves upon the men in control of the company. This did not occur, despite the wonderful intuition and foresight generally accredited to the capitalist class until the decade 1890-1900. Furnaces, rolling mills, finishing mills, bridges, trolley, ore, coke, coal, lake transportation, railroad, gas, bank, land, building, and other corporations, many of them giant consolidations themselves, were gobbled up and welded into the half-billion dollar corporation. Finally, as if to cap the climax, this colossal consolidation is itself swallowed up in the same manner and owing to the same causes. By threatening the competitive destruction of ten other iron and steel corporations, which, like itself, enjoyed governmental and railroad protection and patronage, and were the consolidations of equally multifarious companies, the Carnegie Steel Company compelled the formation of the greatest of trusts—that consolidation of consolidations—the one-and-a-half-billion dollar United States Steel Corporation, commonly called the steel trust. It was a question of combine or be ruined; and the Wall Street financiers, headed by J. Pierpont Morgan, who held the stocks and bonds of the eleven steel and iron corporations, decided, in view of the great panic that might follow a ruinous competitive war, that it was better, despite "the beneficent outworkings of competition," to feast upon the more substantial returns of combination. The results have since demonstrated the enforced wisdom of throwing orthodox economics to the winds; and applying those of industrial evolution instead. As Marx says, each stage of production produces its own laws.

DEPARTMENTALIZED INDUSTRY AND THE HIGH FINANCER.

The Steel Trust (and when we say the steel trust, we practically say all the trusts), has carried the principle of consolidation into every branch of production and distribution necessary to its success, from the supply of the raw material to the delivery and erection of the finished product. These branches are organized into highly centralized departments, each under the control of executive and technical staffs, recruited from the technical schools of the world and the rank and file of the workers. In these branches, the economics of closely ramified industry, combined with the scientific

division and manipulation of labor and material, and the continuous invention of new and improved mechanical aids, have attained great perfection, as is evidenced in the every-decreasing cost of production and the ever-increasing output. Below the executive and technical staffs are the 106,000 employees of every degree of mental and manual skill; and over all is the board of directors. The board of directors take no part in the direct production of wealth, but leave all the functions of superintendence, invention and execution to the workers of all grades below, being even dependent for guidance and their ability to act as directors upon the expert reports of the latter. The board of directors of the steel trust (and of all the modern trusts) constitute that peculiar product of modern industrial life, the high financiers, who, unlike the early capitalists, perform no direct labor in corporations, but view all industries from the standpoint of profit, leaving their actual operation to the highly trained and highly organized subordinates, who are developed by industrial evolution and hired at wages determined by the supply and demand of labor. The trust movement has thus come to be a financial movement led by financiers, whose source of power is the wealth stolen from the workers who make the actual operation of the trust possible. The high financiers controlling this movement are, consequently, parasitic; and, through their enormous wealth and power, combined with their corrupting and degenerating tendencies, constitute a menace to civilized society; of which the press daily produces abundant evidence.

FROM TRUSTIFICATION TO INTEGRALIZATION—THE RESULTS.

From trustification to integralization, is an easy step; in fact, the one originates in the other. The trustified capitalists are compelled by the stupendous size of their capital to buttress it up on all sides, from destructive attack; the more stupendous the size, the more keen the necessity for the buttressing, for the more vicious is the attack likely to be, as may be observed in the struggle for the control of the big insurance companies. Just as the corporation, acting in accordance with the necessities of industrial evolution, amalgamated small capitals, and the trust, in turn, amalgamated large corporations, so does integralization amalgamate the mammoth trusts. It is the latest stage in the evolution of capitalist exploitation; the acme of the capitalist robbery of social labor. Through integralization, the trusts are mutually owned, aided and directed. For instance, the Steel trust owns stock in and does its transatlantic shipping via the Shipping trust, and is well represented on its board of directors. So also, the banks and insurance companies own stocks in the trusts, and act as their repositories and financial backers, with representation on their boards of directors, and vice versa. To conceive of integralization at its fullest development, glance at the first board of directors of the Steel Trust. It consisted of Rockefeller, Field, Gary, Moore, Frick, Cory, Peabody, Steele, Weidner, Jas. H. Reid, Edenborn, Morgan, Rogers, Perkins, Ream, Griscom, Daniel G. Reid, Rockefeller, Jr., Clifford, Bacon, Thayer, Gayely, Schwab and Converse. These twenty-four men represented 200 other corporations, and about one-tenth of the then estimated wealth of the country. Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Illinois Central Railroad, in the spring of 1906, showed that ninety-two capitalists held 1439 directorships. John Moody, in his exhaustive and authoritative work, "The Truth About Trusts," after showing that there are 400 trusts in this country, controlling one-fifth of its wealth and that the most important—the strategic portion—such as the natural resources, railroads, basic industries, banks, etc.—concludes that a score of men practically control these twenty billions; in brief, they are the country's overlords and supermen. Thus does capitalist integralization, result in the domination of a few, and the dependence of the many.

WHAT IS THE OBJECT OF INDUSTRIAL EVOLUTION?

Let us pause to ask what is the object of all this, from the standpoint of capitalism? In answer, let us quote a passage or two from James H. Bridge's "The Trust: Its Book" (Bridge is also author of "The History of the Carnegie Steel Company," from which the

facts on the company given in preceding pages were taken). Says Bridge, in his introductory to the first-named work:—

"There is a term in the complete definition of the law of evolution which has not been adverted to. . . . This final term is the 'concomitant dissipation of motion.' Translated into every day phraseology, this means a diminishing waste, a less frequent slipping of the cog, the avoidance of needless multiplication of activities. And here is where the centralization of capital, the decay of destructive competition, the protective combination of all the factors of production are shown to have their place in the great chain which links us to the past. Here is where co-operation arises, with its attendant economies, to complete and round off the great development which has taken us thousands of years to reach. . . .

"Here then we get an indication of the lines along which future economic development will take place. The movement towards co-operation, towards the elimination of unintelligent competition, towards the peaceful alliance of labor, capital and brains, towards the increasing centralization of industry which is the pronounced characteristic of American life—this movement being in harmony with the laws underlying all progress, is destined to extend until it covers the whole world, or until it emerges into a new and better phase of society."

The same thoughts are stated more concisely, comprehensively and in accord with the actual facts, from a socialist standpoint, by Daniel De Leon, in his short article in "The Independent" entitled "The Trust." What De Leon says of the Trust, can be said of integralization, or all the trusts combined. De Leon asks "What Is the Trust?" and answers

"The trust is essentially a tool of production. . . . The trust is that doubly developed instrument of production that combines both the highest individual and the highest collective development so far reached. It brings the productivity of human effort up to the highest point so far attained by the individual perfection of the tool. As such, the trust raises man to giant's stature over nature; it is a weapon that makes for civilization."

"But that is not the whole truth."

"The ladder upon which mankind has been climbing toward civilization, the evermore powerful tool of production, is the storm center around which the modern social storm rages."

"The capitalist class seeks to keep it for its own exclusive use. The middle class seeks to break it down; thereby throwing it back."

"The proletariat seeks to preserve it and improve it, and open it to all."

How?
Let us see.

CHAPTER VI.

THE MODERN CLASS STRUGGLE.

Let us retrace our steps back to the first revolutionary epoch in American industrial history; and from thence resume the thread of the narrative regarding the development of the class that is at once the greatest supporter as well as the greatest antagonist of capitalism—its Atlas as well as its Nemesis—the working class. A great movement, enlisting the greatest minds of the country in the solution of social problems, the great promises held forth by this early revolt did not materialize. The great agitation attending it was unsuccessfully spent, and Capitalism continued on with greater force. To the uninformed the dissipation of this early revolutionary wave may appear inexplicable. But there is nothing mysterious about it. There is no reason why this movement should have succeeded; while there are many reasons why it could be nothing more than a temporary sputtering of embers that were long to smolder and then burst forth with a more persistent glow. In the first place, a very small percentage of the population was affected by early industrial conditions. Karl Marx quotes with keen relish, in "Capital," an English economist, E. G. Wakefield, who, in 1833, stated that "In the Northern States of the American union, it may be doubted whether so many as a tenth of the people would fall under the description of hired laborers." The bulk of the people were not yet among the expropriated laborers, without whom both Capitalism and Socialism are impossible. The opening up and development of the country was still the great social and economic work; so that the workman of that day could and would become the settler of the morrow. The result was whole states in which primeval conditions of independence prevailed, remote from the enslaving effects

of capitalism; that, as in the case of the conflict between Western democracy and Eastern feudalism, combatted and modified them down to a late day. In the second place, the discovery of gold in California caused an exodus from the congested centres of the northern states just as the discovery of America had caused an exodus from the overcrowded portions of Europe. This gave a great impetus to western immigration that was felt all over the country, bringing on an era of railroad building, internal development, speculation and prosperity that was epochal in character. The first revolutionary industrial wave suffered a climax about the time of the California discoveries. In the third place, the question of the retention or abolition of chattel slavery was becoming an all-absorbing one. In the increasing conflict between slave labor and "free" labor, the fact became clearly apparent that the nation could not be half of one and half of the other. A hybrid social system in which one original elements flourish with equal persistence is not conceivable; it is only possible where one characteristic dominates the other, as in England, where capitalism dominates the hereditary relics of feudal government; or in this country where many forms of prehistoric Communism, like the parks, linger alongside of the towering trusts. And so it was recognized that the slave question must be settled before progress was definitely possible; and men took sides accordingly. Compromises were effected, only, as is usual, in great crises, to aggravate the situation. Abolition was proposed and denounced as too heroic. Finally, with the fatality that pursues all doomed social factors, the slave oligarchy, defeated in Kansas, in its efforts at territorial expansion—on which its supremacy depended—succumbed, and was crushed in consequence. In this crisis, the fact was borne home that the union must be one and indivisible; and that if it were two it would be divided and divisible; that is, subject to mutual antagonisms and the piece-meal subjugation of more powerful nations, both of which were likely to reduce the nation to its former status of a colony and obstruct the capitalist development of the country. This situation could not be (and, fortunately, was not) tolerated. Into this struggle, the early revolutionary elements entered with commendable foresight and spirit. As already shown they had advocated the abolition of chattel slavery and wages slavery, thirty-five years before the former was actually accomplished. Thus it came about—through the general unripeness of the times—that the first great revolutionary movement in the industrial history of this country, came to be more of a reflex of great economic transformations than a solvent of the problems which they then raised.

RISE OF THE MODERN LABOR MOVEMENT.

But, it must not be assumed that because of these stupendous factors, this first great revolutionary movement was entirely destroyed; for despite them, such were the conditions where capitalism was established, and the people were "hired laborers," that trades unionism slowly evolved. It struggled for and accomplished much in the way of increasing wages, improving conditions and reducing hours; in addition to which, it rose to a higher—a national plane. In 1850, the National Typographical Union was formed, five states, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Kentucky being represented. In 1851, the Hat Finishers wheeled into line; with the Machinists and Blacksmiths, Iron Molders, and others, following in 1859. Prof. Richard T. Ely, in his book "The Labor Movement in America," says, "It is stated that twenty-six trades had national organizations in 1860."

However, it was only after the Civil War that trades union organization began in earnest; and the modern labor movement may be said to have had its beginnings. In 1864, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Cigar Makers' National Union, now the International, were formed; in 1865, came the Bricklayers and Masons' International Union; in 1869, the Conductors' Brotherhood; in 1869, the Knights of Labor; in 1873, the International Furniture Workers and the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel workers were added to the list; in 1875, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen; in 1877, the Granite Cutters' National Union; in 1881, the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners; in 1882, the Cigar Makers' Progressive Union; in 1884, the Railroad Brakemen; in 1885, the foundations of the United Mine Workers were laid; while in 1881, was started the American Federation of Labor. Many others might be added; but this includes the most important of the labor organizations formed in the post-civil war period. It was during the post-civil war period, in the latter sixties and early seventies that working class political action, both conservative and revolutionary, was again revived.

(To Be Continued Next Week.)

LIKE BANQUETERS LIKE BANQUETEES

The following quotation is from an editorial in the "Independent," of which Hamilton Holt is Editor. It was written in May, 1904, and the author, as stated in a letter from Holt to the undersigned, was "nearly a Socialist, perhaps the foremost sociologist in the United States." I have not the slightest doubt that the author was Professor Franklin Giddings, Professor in Columbia University, who jointly with Editor Hamilton Holt, banqueted, and was banqueted by Mr. Morris Hilquit on the 16th instant, as the candidate of the Socialist party for Congress on the East Side.

Following is the quotation:

"Socialists have contended—with that simple faith in the efficacy of social machinery which is the most curious feature of their creed—that public ownership and control of industry would put an end to industrial war. Yet within less than two years we have witnessed three widespread revolts by the employees of State owned railways, one in Holland, one in Italy, and now a third in Hungary. . . .

(Then follows a discussion of sovereignty, in which it is shown that sovereignty must be inherent on the one hand in all the "people," or on the other, in despot, aristocracy, combination of capitalists or in a proletarian mob—as in the Paris Commune.)

"Assuming that, for a while longer, at least, the people will remain sovereign, the proper procedure in dealing with strikes by government employees is not difficult to determine. The conduct of the strikers is of an absolutely different character from that of strikers against a private employer. It is mutiny, differing in no essential respect from that of all military offenses, revolt, or refusal to obey orders. It must be dealt with as that offense is dealt with. Happily, this position has been taken thus far by every government that has had the issue to meet. Holland gave its railroad service to understand that obedience would be enforced, by muskets, if necessary. Italy gave its railroad service the status of an army reserve; and when the strike began, a year ago, the government promptly put the whole force under military discipline. The Hungarian government is prepared to put soldiers into the places of strikers to any extent that may be necessary."

"These facts and considerations should be an all-sufficient rejoinder to the argument of those persons who see insuperable difficulties in the public ownership and control of public utilities. There is only one real question involved—the question namely, whether the people, the whole people, is sovereign. If any class is sovereign, in a modern state, the sovereignty of such a class is bound to assert itself, whatever the form of the social organization may be. If 'labor' is sovereign in Australia, in Hungary, or in the United States, it will have its own way, whether through the machinery of government, or through the machinery of voluntary organization to resist government. But if the people as a whole is still sovereign, it can command all the resources of the state to enforce its will, and there need be no greater difficulty in compelling Governmental employees to perform their sworn duty without degrading business or crippling any public service than in compelling the employees of private corporations to keep all machinery of dissatisfaction within the forms of law."

The above quotations portray more clearly than any merely theoretic discussion possibly can do, the mental attitude of that type of radical and yet "respectable" reformers who are being driven from the radical camp by such men as Hearst and thus forced to take refuge in the Socialist party. Comment upon the editorial would only detract from its perfect clearness, its brutal frankness. It shows an editor and an author who despite that portion of the working class who teach that the workers should own and control the machines with which they work.

festations of dissatisfaction within the forms of law."

To us the interesting question is, can any grown man, without a change in his economic condition, alter, in two years time, his whole view of social life and the social problem? And does the presence of the individuals in question at the East Side Socialist party banquet, necessarily show a "change of heart?"

Our answer to both questions is decidedly negative. Editor Hamilton Holt and Professor Franklin Giddings have the same views as to the social revolution which they held two years ago. But instead of favoring "public" ownership of "public utilities" merely, they now proclaim their faith in the "public" ownership of the entire national industrial plant. But government, also, is to be for the "public," by the "public."

Now "public" and "people" are terms unknown to real political science—or, if you will, to Marxian political science as distinguished from the political thinking of the Holts, Giddings, and others of the school of Rousseau, Ranko and Roosevelt. The Socialist knows that government has always been a class affair—the organized expression of the power of the ruling class over the slaves, Jeffersonian Democracy notwithstanding. The proletarian revolution, only, can

make the terms "public" and "people" have real significance in political science. Not being workmen, and not understanding history, economics and politics as taught in modern times, the Holts and Giddings have no conception of the place the present class struggle takes in social development. To them, as to the millionaire social settlement worker, the Socialist Movement is an effort to abolish poverty through government ownership of enough jobs to give work to the unemployed. But a class-conscious revolution by the slaves themselves, and social equality through equal opportunity to use the means of life! Heaven preserve the "eminently respectable" reformers whose attitude differs from the "eminently respectable" conservatives, only to the extent of being more benevolent.

Please take notice! These gentlemen were "banqueted on the East Side." Had they poked their heads in at a meeting of real revolutionists on the East Side or anywhere else, the Socialists would never have seen or heard of them again.

A party, claiming to be proletarian, which welcomes such elements is sure to have a class struggle within its own ranks. An organization in which this element is powerful mocks at the cravings of the working class for power.

The noise proceeding from the Hearst camp is attracting workmen, but it cannot hold them. Give a proletarian but a bit of information and he is naturally a Socialist. But give an aristocrat a taste of the benevolent spirit and he becomes an unqualified political and social nuisance.

An American counterpart of Bernard Shaw's Fabian Society is something devoutly to be wished. It would furnish a refined retreat for those homeless "respectables" who, lost in the maze of their own incongruous ideas, are a-hunting for schemes to save the working class—a class whom they secretly despise and brazenly lecture and attack.

FRANK BOEN

THE BALLOT

The Socialist Labor Party's Unique
Position Thereon—Right Backed
By Might.

[By Frank E. Passonno, of Rennselaer,
Candidate for Lieutenant-
Governor.]

The revolutionary fathers of 1776, through the promulgation of the Declaration of Independence, established the sovereignty of the American voter, as a peer amongst men, and the subsequent elections up to comparatively recent times were regarded and held as sacred; the voters choice was counted as recorded; and the party or combinations who would have tampered with the prerogative of the people would have been called to account. It was left to the rising capitalist class to develop election thieves, who ride roughshod over the political rights of the working class.

If one was to be asked what, in the present campaign is the most characteristic feature of the S. L. P. that places the party in the forefront of political parties in America, the answer cannot help but be, the clearness with which the party considers the function of voting.

Who is there to-day that does not know that the ballot is a farce, that is as far as a majority cast for any party, placing that party into power? Who does not know that the election machine is owned by the capitalist class? Who doubts that only those who are considered "safe and sane" will be ground out of that machine? It is only necessary for the capitalist to imagine that a certain individual might prove to be a meddler, and forthwith

that individual is cast aside, counted out. The capitalist will not take the chance of handling the individual after election, the handling is done before; and only the known "safe and sane" are ground out of their political machine. Then what chance would the S. L. P. have against the capitalist election machine, when we consider that that party is not only not "safe and sane" for the capitalist, but stands for the absolute abolition of that class? None whatever! It is to laugh to imagine that the capitalists are going to see the working class deposit little pieces of paper in a box and deposit them (the capitalists). So that the Socialist Labor Party, understanding the social problems as emphasized in the political and economic field, in placing squarely before the voters the necessity of economic organization as the only hope of enforcing their political fiat, is unique in itself; and that proud distinction alone is enough to place the S. L. P. in the front of all political parties in this country.

This being the first campaign since the launching of the I. W. W., that organization that will educate the working class to realize that unless they back up their political rights by their economic might, their efforts will amount to naught, has given the S. L. P. a grand opportunity of placing before the workers that knowledge and confidence that is so essential to their proper guidance.

Again in this campaign the S. L. P. has placed forward the I. W. W. with all its vigor and experience, as well it merits, to be designated as the organization that will put to rout the obstacles that now impede the path and progress of the American working class; driving the facts home clearly that, when organized in the I. W. W., let the capitalist count us out, it is only a step to the factory door, the mine, and the railroad, and then the workers will inaugurate a lockout

against the master class and take the means of life in their own hands.

Then will the officers of the Industrial Workers of the World knock on the door of capitalism and demand the unconditional surrender of the capitalist class.

Then will the capitalist cease shouting themselves hoarse after robbing the American workman of his sovereign right that the revolutionary fathers fought and bled for, for the economic organization of the working class, the I. W. W., will roll a mighty wave of protest and assert their political rights once again through their economic might—a right that will never again be taken from them.

F. E. Passonno.

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REACTION AND THUGISM PILLORIED

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE I. W. W. ISSUES STATEMENT OF INDISPUTABLE FACTS TO MEMBERSHIP.

The following appears in Bulletin No. 1, issued by the new executive board of the I. W. W.:

The Officers and Members of all Local Unions and Departments of the Industrial Workers of the World, Greeting:

Fellow Workers:

With assurances that your Executive Board is doing everything in our power to protect the interests committed to us by the convention of the Industrial Workers of the World, we desire to invite your close attention to the facts contained in this bulletin, as well as to those set forth in the first number. We are engaged in a terrific struggle with the reactionists and hired thugs to maintain an industrial revolutionary organization, and as your duly elected and constitutional representatives shall continue at our posts in spite of all opposition, always depending upon your loyal support. The following statement of indisputable facts is for your information and guidance:

1. The dishonest appeal made to the membership by the reactionists and hired thugs of the I. W. W., led by Sherman, is that the convention was null and void, and that the Social Labor party. This statement, as we shall prove, is a brazen falsehood, stamped up to create prejudice and deceive loyal members of the organization. There were in the convention only 30 delegates who had connection with the Social Labor Party, and none of them were in the convention representing anything else but local organizations of the I. W. W. These 30 delegates had only 91 votes in a total of 657. This shows you clearly the malicious character of the misrepresentations that are being made regarding the make-up of the convention.

2. As to the new Executive Board, we state the following facts: Vincent St. John, F. W. Heslewood, W. E. Trautmann and C. E. Mahoney are members of the Socialist party; Eugene Fisher is a member of the Socialist Labor Party; T. J. Cole, a switchman and veteran of 1864, and A. Maichele, (representing 2,000 machinists and metal workers in the convention) are not connected with either of the parties named.

3. A fellow worker Daniel De Leon, who was at the head of 30 delegates with 60 votes who controlled the convention and trampled on the constitution. As a delegate in the convention, with all the rights of any other no more and no less, he took no more part in the proceedings than many other delegates, he simply bowed to the line of the Manifesto, the Preamble and the Constitution. The statement of the disrupters and reactionists is false.

4. In regard to the convention being an illegal body, the contention is entirely ridiculous as it is untrue. The convention assembled pursuant to a call lawfully made and published and signed by the man who has sought to usurp power, Sherman, and by him it was led to order.

5. All credentials were passed upon by a credentials committee appointed by Sherman; upon the report of that committee all delegates were seated except in cases where a contest arose. In the contested cases, and after seven days consumed in committee of the whole in an investigation in which Sherman and those supporting him took part, the delegates, whether contestants or not, were seated. This was done in violation of no dues-paying member who was deprived of representation.

6. The foolish charge that the convention, after being organized as already stated, illegally seated or unseated any delegates, we call your attention to the fact that all conventions are the sole prerogative of the people and are not entitled to a veto. This contention, about which the greatest misrepresentations are being made, unseated no one until after the committee on constitution reported annulling the office of general president and also the so-called departments of transportation and metal and machinery. The reorganization of the constitution committee was adopted and the convention unseated Sherman, McCabe and Kirkpatrick. These reactionists and disrupters had but one vote each. Their removal in no way changed the complexion of the convention and was necessary for the reason that so long as they remained in they did nothing and were incapable of doing anything but obstruct the work of the convention. We prove this out of Sherman's own mouth in the Chicago Record-Herald of Oct. 7, in an interview reported by an A. F. L. "labor editor," Sherman said:

"We believed WE COULD STARVE THEM OUT BY OBSTRUCTIVE TACTICS, but at the end of the tenth day, when they were beginning to get hungry, we had a resolution passed that we be allowed \$150 a day as salary

and expenses while attending the convention. That was more money than most of them ever earned in their lives, and they were ready to stay with him until Christmas if necessary. It was the most disgraceful gathering ever held in this country in the name of organized labor."

On to the fatal admission this man makes and the insults handed out to men who helped to supply the funds which he had so extravagantly used during his maladministration of your affairs. His design and that of his reactionary supporters was to "starve out" by obstructive tactics (here admitted, as you see) duly elected delegates who had made sacrifices during the entire year to build up an organization that he, as developments prove, proposed to ruin if he could not rule. The statement that De Leon had passed the resolution referred to is false and Sherman himself voted for the resolution.

7. Our contention is, and we know that you will support us in it, that the constitution was subject to change and amendment by the convention of 1906. It was so understood in the convention of 1905, repeated statements being made to that effect in answer to questions by delegates who at that time were not satisfied with it. It was regarded as tentative and provisional, and mainly for that reason was not, as some have thought, submitted to a referendum vote of the members. Even some of the reactionists have during the year discussed the necessity of changes; yet they sought to make it absolute and unalterable by their disgraceful methods in the convention.

8. In their absurd attempts at a literal construction of the constitution, with which they proved they were not familiar, the reactionists frequently overreached themselves. We mention one instance. Delegate John McMullen insisted that the president had the power to appoint all committees. Upon being urged to show that the constitution conferred any such power, he refused because he "would have to put on his glasses." Still he insisted it was there.

9. The delegate last named ridiculed "the revolution," about which he admitted on the floor of the convention he knew nothing. That was evident to every well-informed delegate in the body at all times. He (McMullen) although elected to serve on the Auditing Committee, refused to serve on the ground that he could not give his nights and Sundays to such work; and this shirking of work for which the W. F. of M. paid him will be better understood and the more severely condemned when you are told that Reactionist McMullen set up a continual clamor for the financial report of the secretary-treasurer, which report was immediately upon the selection of the committee on which he refused to serve placed in the hands of said committee. McMullen is also one of the few who joined Sherman and, with a gang of hired thugs, took possession of the office and held it by force, against the duly elected and lawful officers of the Industrial Workers of the World.

10. A brief reference to the cry that the convention sought to "loot the treasury" is necessary. Sherman himself voted for the proposition to pay the needy delegates the small sum of \$1.50 per day; but, as already shown by a statement out of his own mouth, the design was to starve out such delegates and force them to abandon the work that had been committed to their hands. Vincent St. John and Albert Ryan (delegates from the Mining Department) were told that if they had not voted to give the delegates assistance they (the reactionists led by Sherman) would have "starved them out!" We explain Sherman's vote for the appropriation on the theory that he, at that moment, saw visions of reckless waste and extravagance in his own expenditures of the organization's funds. He spent in 30 days \$438.90 for hotel bills and untempered expenses alone; he spent in seven months \$2,512.40—all of this in addition to his salary which was \$150.00 per month. Yet this man has the brazen impudence to still proclaim himself president of the Industrial Workers of the World. Carefully notice such items in Sherman's various statements of expenses as "Incidentals," "Agitation Incidentals," "Organization Incidentals," and form your own conclusions. Sherman stated that the form of organization (the I. W. W.) was "100 years too soon," but although he is no longer president and absolutely has no rightful official connection, he claims to be president of an organization he ridiculed and which has repudiated him. He also stated that the Western Federation of Miners was not a revolutionary organization, that it was 95 per cent. "pure and simple."

11. Sherman filled the office with slug-

gers hired from the Mooney & Boland detective agency and paid them with money belonging to the organization, after he had been stripped of his power as president by the convention.

12. One of Sherman's principal supporters, who exercised a pernicious influence over him, was McCabe. This person, now notorious and execrated, scoffed at and ridiculed the motto of the I. W. W.—"Labor Produces All Wealth." He refused to wear an I. W. W. button because it was red and ordered a lot in white and blue. These souvenirs of reaction and fakism are now dead stock on the hands of the organization. He took chapters away from locals of the so-called transportation department without a hearing and denied the members a hearing. He admitted on the floor of the convention that these locals were in good standing at the time that the Hall-Kohl trouble arose. In this connection Sherman admitted on the convention floor that he too had denied the complaining members a hearing. Sherman further stated that he had no power to interfere in the affairs of departments although the old constitution clearly said: "The general president shall have general supervision over the entire affairs of the organization, watch vigilantly over the interests throughout its jurisdiction," and "in this he shall be assisted by the officers and members of all organizations subordinate to the Industrial Workers of the World." Sherman attempted no supervision over the fraudulent transportation department; on the contrary he, among other things, appointed one Duffy as an organizer for that department and ordered said Duffy's compensation to be paid out of the general funds of the I. W. W. For months he retained Duffy on the payroll, knowing that it was an outlay without service or any equivalent returned to the organization. McCabe scoffed at "the talk about revolution," denied that he was a revolutionist—which no intelligent man ever suspected him of being.

13. Sherman immediately after his return from the Denver convention, and subsequently a few days before the convention of the I. W. W., boasted that the "radicals" and "revolutionists" would meet their Waterloo at the convention, because, he said, "we'll have the votes!" The inference was clear enough; he thought he had the votes of the W. F. of M. in his pocket. When the convention assembled and he found that Vincent St. John and Albert Ryan had some votes in their own pockets his astonishment knew no bounds; he became in turn hysterical, abusive, vicious. In that condition was the plot to discredit the convention and seize the property of the organization born. With the phrase "brothers, whatever you do, I'll love you just the same," upon his lips, in his heart he planned mischief and found ready tools in carrying it out. There was an opposition that he could not suppress; then followed the methods of the burglar.

14. Cronin, another reactionary supporter of Sherman, denied that the I. W. W. was a revolutionary organization; he voted against the proposition to send a resolution to the revolutionists of Russia. He drew \$712.00 for two months' "work" (on Sherman's order) assisting Sherman on the Executive Board of typical A. F. of L. reactionists.

15. Another absurd charge set up by Sherman and the reactionists is that the convention was illegal and unconstitutional. Our answer is that if the plans of the disrupters had been successful, that is if they had been able to carry through their dishonest and bulldozing tactics and perpetuate their graft, no such claim would have been raised. The convention, as you know, was regularly called in pursuance with a decision of the general executive board, signed in behalf of the board by Sherman and General Secretary-Treasurer Trautmann, and published in two successive issues of the Industrial Worker. The delegates assembled in answer to the call; they were elected by their respective local organizations and presented the proper credentials sent out by the general secretary; a credentials committee (appointed by Sherman) reported upon the credentials handed in and the delegates were seated. Being seated they were the supreme power of the I. W. W.; their power was used to protect and preserve the organization; the unlawful power of Sherman and his gang of reactionists was always exerted to create trouble; to keep themselves in office and defeat the purposes for which the I. W. W. was organized. In the face of all these indisputable facts, the claim that the convention was unconstitutional reveals the utter recklessness, ignorance and dishonesty of the deposed and disgraced president and all who supported him.

Fraternally submitted,
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BUFFALO S. L. P.

WINS A ROUND IN FIGHT FOR FREE SPEECH.

Justice Pound Declares Hodson Should Have Allowed Jury to Decide Whether the Street Was Obstructed—Regan Still Plays the Czar.

Buffalo, October 19.—At last there is something new to report regarding Section Erie County's free speech case.

The following synopsis of the developments in this case up to the present time will help the reader to understand the latest news given below.

Regan, the new Chief of Buffalo Police, undertook to break up the S. L. P. agitation here by prohibiting open-air meetings of our section (and incidentally also of I. W. W.); and intimidating saloon-keepers, owning halls, not to rent their halls for S. L. P. meetings. At the same time the street meetings of the Socialist Party, Salvation Army, etc., remain un molested.

After some preliminary skirmishes, arrests, imprisonment, broken up meetings, etc., a test case was arranged for by our section.

Acting under instructions of our attorneys, Lewis and Lewis, section members appeared one evening last summer at a street corner where the Volunteers of America just held their religious meeting. But before our portable iron stand was set up and I could mount the platform a police captain and several patrolmen appeared, prevented putting in the wooden platform into the stand and ordered Boris Reinstein to "move on." He refused and attempted to speak from the level of the street to the gathering crowd, and was then arrested, put into patrol wagon and taken to station. Shortly afterwards the patrol wagon made another trip and brought another prisoner, the portable iron stand, that was left behind. The charge against Reinstein was violation of a section of city ordinances prohibiting "obstruction" of streets and side-walks. He was released on bail of \$10.00 to appear at the station the following morning before the Police Justice. No charge was entered against the stand but they refused to release it on bail. It was kept to appear as witness at the trial.

The following morning Reinstein refused to plead before the Morning Justice at the station and demanded a trial in Municipal Court. It was granted.

In due time that famous "trial" took place. It was held before Judge Hodson, a typical Democratic politician and spell-binder, with all that that implies. The section paid \$5.00 to have a trial by jury. Six jurymen were empaneled. The case was "tried"—several police officers testified on one side. Reinstein, the defendant, and several comrades testified on the other.

At the conclusion of the performance, the section's attorney moved that the case be dismissed. Mr. Hudson refused. Our attorney then demanded that the case be given to the jury to decide on the QUESTION OF FACT, namely: whether the attempt to set up the stand and Reinstein's attempt to speak and refusal to "move on" under the circumstances as established by the testimony of the witnesses of both sides, constituted an "obstruction" within the sense of the Section of the City ordinances in question, insisting that not the literal but the common sense interpretation was admissible, otherwise, he exclaimed "you might as well arrest me for 'obstruction' when I look into a show window of a department store, waiting for my wife, while she is making a purchase there."

Judge Hodson then declared that in his judgement there was no question of fact for the jury to decide, that the "manly," "straight forward," etc., testimony of the defendant himself and his witnesses had already established the fact that there WAS obstruction, no matter how insignificant, and for how brief a period; that the fact that Socialist Party, Salvation Army, etc., are permitted to obstruct and violate the city ordinance was no reason for the Socialist Labor Party or the defendant to claim the privilege, and he then declared, that he, Hodson, takes the case out of the hands of the jurymen, dismisses the jury (good-bye the \$5.00 we paid for it!) and takes upon himself to pronounce Reinstein guilty. But "in view of the fact that no serious or malicious offense was committed," he generously imposed the minimum fine admitted by law for such offense—one dollar—instead of the maximum—five dollars.

It was on this ground of Judge Hodson's refusal to allow the jury to decide that question of fact that we appealed to the Special Term of Supreme Court. On account of vacation of our Attorneys and of the Supreme Court Justices, on account also of many other cases being ahead of ours, our appeal was only argued about two weeks ago before Justice Pound.

He listened to the arguments of attorneys of both sides and reserved his decision, giving them a week to file their briefs.

At last, on last Tuesday, the decision was given out, setting aside the conviction and fine imposed by Hodson and ordering a new trial in Municipal Court.

The "Buffalo Express" of last Wednesday publishes the following report and editorial squib:

"REINSTEIN IS TRIUMPHANT."

"Socialist Orator Wins His Appeal From the Judgment Against Him."

"TRIAL JUDGE ERRED."

"Jury Should Have Been Allowed to Decide Whether the Street Was Obstructed."

"WAS QUESTION OF FACT."

"On That Ground, Justice Pound Reverses Conviction and Sends Case Back for a Retrial."

"Justice Pound late yesterday decided the appeal of Boris Reinstein from a conviction in the Municipal Court of violating the ordinance against blocking the public streets. Reinstein is a Socialist leader and was arrested for collecting a crowd with a harangue on the evils of the present social arrangement and the merits of a socialistic republic. The city sued him for a penalty and was awarded one. Justice Pound handed down an opinion with his decision, as follows:

"I am of the opinion that a question of fact arises in this case, viz: had defendant when arrested actually obstructed the highway so as to interfere with its use by the public for travel and transportation? Had he impeded the progress of passersby? Not every obstruction of a street is a violation of the ordinance. There must be interference with the public and proper use of the thoroughfare."

"It cannot be said that the only conclusion to be drawn from the evidence is that defendant had when arrested done an act which blocked the street or sidewalk to such an extent or for such a length of time as to cause public annoyance."

"I think that it should have been left to the jury to determine the question whether the defendant had obstructed the highway to the annoyance of passersby. The learned judge erred when he took the case from the jury and adjudged the defendant guilty of violating the ordinance."

"(People on the relation of Garfili vs. the City of Rochester, 44 Hun 166; Callanan vs. Gillman, 107 N. Y. 300 Murphy vs. Leggett, 164 New York 121.)

"The custom of allowing the Salvation Army and like bodies to hold street meetings without molestation does not justify or excuse a violation of the ordinance and has no bearing here. The Salvation Army is not on trial here, nor is the Police department of the city of Buffalo, nor are the political principles advocated by the defendant, nor is the freedom of speech on trial."

"The judgment is reversed and a new trial is ordered, with costs to abide the event."

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

At last Boris Reinstein has made some progress in his more or less constant conflict with the police over his speech-making at street corners. Justice Pound sends his case back for retrial in the Municipal Court.

To-day, by consulting our attorney, we learned that the retrial is not likely to take place before election day. The costs will have to be paid by the side that will lose in the end.

Discussing the advisability of holding open air meetings pending the retrial, during the few remaining days of the campaign, the attorney offered to go and see Chief Regan personally, putting it up to him to leave us alone pending the trial.

He just telephoned to me that it's "no go," that Regan is stubborn and determined to arrest any Socialist Labor Party speaker, as soon as an attempt is made to hold a street meeting, "especially if it is Reinstein, for his speeches are too fiery!"

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Editor MINERS' MAGAZINE.

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New York, Oct. 16, 1906.

Mr. John M. O'Neill,
Denver, Colo.,

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I remain, with distinguished consideration, yours, etc,
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Business Manager, WEEKLY PEOPLE.

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CAUGHT IN THE MARXIAN CLEFT STICK.

The class-conscious capitalist press, both Republican and Democratic, presents an aspect of deep dismay. The evidences of the tidal wave for Hearst cannot be wholly misrepresented; the frosty Hughes meetings cannot be successfully heated up. Anguish is depicted on the countenance of every line that reports the trend of affairs.

Why this anxiety? Why this dismay? The aforesaid capitalist elements tire not to ring the changes on Hearst's unclean personality. That is the burden of their "arguments." One would judge these worthies are afraid of the attractive powers of Hearst's personal uncleanness. Can that be the cause of their dumpt? Of course not. The constituency of the State of New York is not a brothel constituency—despite all the lewd and immoral practices of the capitalists. Safe it is to say that no conspicuously unclean candidate could exercise any attractive power worth mentioning, least of all upon the strength of his uncleanness. As far as Hearst's uncleanness—or "personal rottenness," as some of them put it—is concerned, that should only make his chances for election null. Why, then, the dismay, the anxiety, the terror that is throwing class-conscious capitalism into a panic?

That is the rub!

Here, again, the genius of Marx throws light across the field.

The capitalist, said Marx, has everything to fear from the Working Class in their ignorance, and everything to dread from the Working Class in their enlightenment.

The Capitalist Class of the land know themselves a lawless class, a bandit class, a felon class. They know themselves the violators of every law, human and divine. Long have they sat upon the lid, and sought to keep down the stench of their iniquities. The steam of the seething corruption often forced up the lid, enough to allow tell-tale puffs to dash themselves upon the public nostrils. Aided by their strumpet press, the putrid smell was, on all such occasions, smothered in the fumes of brazen denials, or sophistical refutations. But the chemistry of social economics has like gunpowder and dynamite, explosive qualities. The explosion finally took place—scores of explosions. The lid was burst up and thrown off, and with it, the class-conscious capitalist forces that held it down, have been hurled into the air heels-overhead. The "Captains of Industry," long vaunted as superlative jumps of matchless wisdom, stand, without exception, convicted of the cleverness of the foot-pad and sneak-thief only; the "Pillars of Law and Order," long held up as monuments of patriotic abnegation, stand, without exception, convicted as unconscionable Dick Turpins; the "Upholders of the Sanctity of the Family," long preached about as paragons of morality, stand, without exception, convicted of all the filth of degeneracy. Trial upon trial, investigation upon investigation, explosive revelation upon explosive revelation has during the last twenty-four months placed upon the pillory the Depews and the Schiffs, the Whitneys and the Thaws, the Mortons and the Rogerses, the Alexanders and the Stenslands, etc., etc.—down and up the whole row in the rogues' gallery of the Capitalist Class. With these facts—too numerous to deny; too stenchful to deodorize;—an ominous question, a question with a big Q, raises its ominous head before the startled eye of the exposed class-conscious Capitalist Class. That question accounts for their dismay, their anxiety, their terror—that question is, WHAT WILL THE WORKING CLASS DO?

Marx has formulated the answer in advance. That Marx formulated the answer right; that the answer is planted upon a solid understanding of the

economic-social facts, which alone can serve as the foundation for a correct answer, and that the answer takes in with deep penetration the psychology of the felon ruling class—THAT is proven by the panicky temper of our class-conscious capitalists in this campaign. The answer is—

In the measure that the Working Class is held fettered by the chains of ignorance, which capitalism has shackled the workingman's mind with—in that measure the indignation of the Working Class will vent itself in undisciplined fury. In that measure the Working Class will troop to the standard of a Hearst. And then?—then the Temple of Capitalism will be shaken fit to come down crashing upon the heads of the capitalists. The shake-up will do the Working Class not a particle of good. It can only satisfy a feeling of revenge—but it will throw the capitalists all of a heap; any stick, even a capitalist-Hearst stick, will be thought good enough to beat the class-conscious capitalist dog with.

In the measure, on the other hand, that the Socialist Labor Party and the Industrial Workers of the World will have succeeded in shattering the shackles of ignorance with which capitalism has sought to keep down the intellect of the Working Class—in that measure the indignation of the Working Class will be collected into trained blows. In that measure the Working Class will rally at this election around the standard of the Uplifted Arm and Hammer of the Socialist Labor Party, that is carried aloft by the stalwart proletarian Thomas H. Jackson. And then?—then the capitalist thieves' den, class-conscious and un-class-conscious alike, will be seized, the thieves turned out, and the first long step taken in the rearing of the Government of the Working Class.

What but fear can the class-conscious Capitalist Class entertain for the Working Class in their IGNORANCE, what but dread for the Working Class in their ENLIGHTENMENT?

In that cleft stick—long ago outlined by Marx—the organized felony of the land, known as the class-conscious Capitalist Class, find themselves in this campaign in New York—ten short years after they escaped the dread dilemma of the first Bryan campaign; ten short years after they imagined themselves safe for all time; and now facing, in speedy, and ever speedier succession, a repetition of the agony, until the agony will be over with the final down-fall of Capitalism and the rise of the Socialist Republic.

HABEAS CORPUS AND GAS.

After interminable delays, the Supreme Court of the United States finally gave a hearing to the lawyers of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone on the habeas corpus proceedings.

The facts in the case are not denied; the law in the case is, for once, clear as a pike. Constitutional and statutory enactments, and the previous decisions all agree in settling the point that extradition is permissible only where the parties, whose extradition is demanded, are fugitives from justice. They must have committed the alleged crime in the State that demands the extradition, and must have fled from the jurisdiction of that State. In the instance of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, the fact is not denied, it is too obvious for denial, that they could not possibly have committed the crime with which they are charged; that they were hundreds of miles outside of the State of Idaho at the time of its commission; and that they are all three residents of the State of Colorado. All this notwithstanding, the Supreme Court failed forthwith to order the release of the kidnapped men, and, most singular of all, took the case under advisement upon the statement made by the lawyer of the kidnappers that, if the arrest was illegal, "the prisoners could sue for damages." This argument brings the case abreast of the gas cases.

Here, in the city of New York, consumers of gas were charged by the Company 20 cents more than the law allowed. When the consumers refused to pay, the Company threatened to cut off their gas supply, and went to Court and argued that the consumers should pay the full bill, and, then, if the Courts finally decided that the 20-cent gas bill was constitutional, "the consumers could sue for the amount that they paid in excess." It goes without saying that such suits could not be instituted except in exceptional cases. The consumers needed immediate relief; deprived of that, it was preposterous to imagine that they could not be instituted except in exceptional cases. The consumers needed immediate relief; deprived of that, it was preposterous to imagine that they could not be instituted except in exceptional cases. The consumers needed immediate relief; deprived of that, it was preposterous to imagine that they could not be instituted except in exceptional cases.

principle that did the gas Company—first hang a man, then let him sue for redress.

The purpose of the kidnapping of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone is today obvious. It was obvious 24 hours after the commission of that crime. The purpose was to railroad the three innocent men to the gallows. That that plan was frustrated, by the unexpected publicity given to the kidnapping by the labor press, does not affect the theory of the prosecution. That theory was—"hang first, sue for damages afterwards."

Whether the capitalist deals in gas or ore, his methods are one—riotous cheating, and cheating riotousness.

AUTOCRACY CONFESSED.

Mr. William Nelson Cromwell, the representative of the Harriman interests at a recent meeting of the Wells-Fargo stockholders, said of his chief: "He moves in a higher world, into which we may not enter." The imagery of the sentence is pretty, pretty in diction, less pretty, however, the fact that it reveals. Democracy is not insanity. It does not imply the capacity of every individual to move in any "world." There are special "worlds" for special varieties of capacity. The "world" in which the poet moves is not the "world" that is the home of the mathematician; the "world" of the horticulturist is not the realm of the philologist. And so forth and so on. Each of these varying capacities has its own "world," into which it enters freely, nor would any seek to trespass into a "world" where he would feel as little at home as a cat in a strange garret. Is the "world" that Mr. William Nelson Cromwell referred to, as the "world" in which the plutocrat Harriman moves, and into which "we others may not enter," a "world" of that nature? Not at all! If it were, the statement would be superfluous. Seeing the statement was not superfluous, that "world" is a special one, and its exclusiveness, a mark that, not democracy, but autocracy is the social system which capitalism breeds, and which the William Nelson Cromwells are the Cossacks of.

The "world" of the Harrimans is not a "world" of specialized genius. It is a "world" of "government." The Harrimans are public functionaries. They control production and distribution. Accordingly, they control the living of the people. At their will—often wisely, oftener unwisely—production is slackened or quickened, is turned into this channel or into that. At its best, the "world" of the plutocrat is the world of a benevolent dictator. The dictator idea is incompatible with popular individuality. Moreover, the benevolent dictator is the exception. Upon that the world's history has expressed itself amply. While the order, implied by the dictator idea, may be a necessary starting point in civilization, democracy is the gate to civilized welfare. Capitalism destroys the democratic idea and reintroduces de facto autocracy.

Socialism has proved the fact. The arrogant Cossack William Nelson Cromwell, with the arrogance that ever marks the lackey of an autocrat, admits the fact boastfully and swaggeringly.

Fortunately, both Cossacks and their Autocrat masters are neither invulnerable nor yet invincible.

THE RUMBLING OF THE RAILROAD QUESTION.

Facts are accumulating thick and fast proving that the railroads of the country are no longer able to handle the commerce of the country expeditiously with the equipment now in use.

Commerce and industry complain bitterly of delay and loss in the transmission of goods. Negligence is charged against the roads. Possibly there is negligence; possibly also there is inefficiency in the management. Nevertheless, the best talent of Labor is employed to increase the efficiency and carrying capacity of the roads. Roadbeds have been improved; the hundred pound rail has displaced the thirty pound rail of years ago in order to hold the mile-long and heavy trains of to-day; monster engines have taken the place of the trim brass-banded little wonders of thirty years ago; speed has been increased a hundred per cent; the single line of track has made room for two, four and eight track lines—and yet there is congestion of traffic.

With the improvement of the roads has also come an increased ratio of disasters and even loss of life, due, no doubt, to the fact that the rails and switches cannot hold the mass of weight hurled over their narrow surfaces.

The limit has been reached; that is sure, and yet commerce and industry demand greater efficiency and more capacity. The whole social structure is straining to greater things, and demands ever greater progress.

The roads no doubt would gladly make improvements if they could, it being to their interests to satisfy their patrons. But they cannot. The dis-

satisfied railroad world yells "national ownership of railroads!" Will that change matters? No it will make it worse, for the reason that the whole system has to be reconstructed to meet the requirements of the future. The two rail line has reached its limit. Four and eight rail lines will probably be the next thing to consider. That means new roadbeds, new bridges, new entries to cities, new equipment, in fact, it means a new system of railroading, and that, in turn, means, billions of dollars for reconstruction.

Will the roads undertake that job? No, it would mean a loss of dividends for years to come.

Will National ownership do it? No. It can't do it; the job is too big for the average politician.

A new system of railroading can only be inaugurated if the means of production are also nationalized in order to furnish the means wherewith to construct the new system.

Here is where the iron necessity of our time will compel the nation to shed its capitalistic skin and take on the social skin which will enable it to make progress—a progress that is inevitable, but that can not adjust itself to present conditions.

The present railroad system is the embodiment of capitalism. It has reached its limit, and will collapse together with the whole capitalist system of production. The new and next system spells Socialism and Progress.

M. Ruth.

Holyoke, Mass.

Commissioner of Banking of Massachusetts Pierre Jay, statistically proved at the convention of the American Bankers' Association, now in session in St. Louis, that "there is one bank embezzlement every day in the year." The bank is the "holy of holies" of capitalism. Such statistics as Commissioner Jay brings forth prove the "holy of holies" a den of thieves.

The denunciation of Hearst by such Trust lackeys as Pat McCarrren and Bourke Cockran must be worth hundreds, if not thousands, of votes to Hearst. The capitalist class should pad-lock the mouths of its puppets. The immediate result of their barkings is to strengthen the Hearst column; the remote result is to furnish more ammunition to the Socialist Labor Party speakers.

The annual nursery rhyme of wage increases, voluntarily made by the Republican and Democratic employers, has started. The Reading Railroad Company has started the chorus.

The burlesque of a bogus G. E. B. of the I. W. W.—initiated by Sherman and his poodle, Hahnemann, the reporter that the A. F. of Hellised Volkszeitung Corporation sent as a delegate to the convention,—is gaining in burlesqueness. The pronouncements issued by the concern, are now issued from Joliet, Ill., from the office of E. R. Smith, the man through whom Mitchell was running Sherman.

The only political party that has the respect of Labor is the Socialist Labor Party. It is bound to unify the workers on the political field.

John Tobin, a lieutenant of Gompers and sub-lieutenant of Belmont; John Tobin, the frader of workingmen for labels; John Tobin, a pure and simple political Socialist; in short, John Tobin a betrayer of the Working Class, has just been dumped from his big and fat office in the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union after a fierce contest. The fight was conducted by Tobin under the slogan: "Request and Arbitrate"; against him the fight was conducted under the slogan: "Demand and Strike." John went down—just as Sherman and his crew, and Max Hayes and his Bandow—all at about the same time. There's a light that is dawning; there's a deed about to be done—men of thought and men of action come forth, join hands—AND DO THE DEED.

Hearst kicks because the other papers misrepresent him and belittle his meetings. He is getting a dose of the same game he plays against the bona-fide working class movement.

Do not whine, beg or threaten. Set to work to overthrow capitalism.

Work is noble, say the capitalists. The only work they do is through their digestive apparatus.

At one time your right to the ballot was opposed, to-day your right to life is opposed. The political tyrant was overthrown, finish the job by overthrowing the economic tyrant.

The capitalist gets his profits out of you in the shop. You may be charged "extortionate prices" for food, clothing, and rent but you are ROBBED in the shop.

AMENDMENT III.

The third of the amendments to the constitution, adopted by the I. W. W. convention, and here to be considered, abolishes the office of President. At each session the General Executive Board will choose its presiding officer, and the national conventions will do likewise. Many an organization of labor is built upon the same law.

In the language of Delegate Pinkerton of the transportation workers, "if we have not funds enough to support a King, we should keep our funds to support ourselves." The convention abolished the presidency as a costly luxury—many also thought as a harmful luxury. It is due to this latter opinion—the opinion that the presidency was harmful—that the amendment, otherwise of no vital significance, assumes importance. Its importance lies, not so much in the change it works, as in the danger there lies in the belief that, the presidency being abolished, the wrongs it did are thereby wholly abolished. The convention had no choice but to decapitate the presidency, and to do so with despatch. The Augean stable, that centered and was incrustured around the incumbent President, had to be cleaned out, and the cleaning-out could abide no delay, lest the organization went under. In the cleaning-out process the presidency had to go. The importance of the move lies in the need of perfect clearness concerning the source from which all presidency draws its nourishment, for good or for evil.

The ridiculously violent agitation against free masonry, that broke out in the days of Daniel Webster, caused that witty statesman to observe that, to him, nothing was more ridiculous than free masonry, unless it was anti-free masonry. With equal appropriateness may it be said that nothing is more ridiculous than to get into a passion in favor of a President, unless it be to get into a passion for his abolition. "Wherever McGreggor sits there is the head," "McGreggor" is not necessarily a person; "McGreggor" may be a principle; he usually is. The point, together with all that thereby hangs, may be illustrated with the case of the deposed and abolished officers and offices; and the illustration can now be made more pointedly than it was made even in the convention, seeing that things have since happened which had not yet happened during the convention.

It was clear during this year's convention, it is infinitely clearer now, that, no sooner did last year's convention adjourn than an alliance was perfected between the Gompers-Mitchell Civic Federation and the pure and simple politician element in the Socialist party to hamstring the new organization. Representatives of the allied forces had figured in the convention of 1905. Guided by instinct, though, probably, as yet acting without concert, they wormed their ways into the convention of 1905, and there indulged their machinations. They had come confident of success, yet not without some misgivings. Before the convention was well under way they realized the existence of a force that they had not counted with. When the convention adjourned these elements were wiser, but sadder men. Do what they could to prevent it, they were thrust aside with deserved ignominy, and an organization was set on foot that marked a new era in the Labor Movement of the land—the organization was even unique in the International Movement—it planted the economic organization of Labor upon a new footing, constructed it according to a system not yet put into practice, and established its connection with and at the same time its true relation to the political movement.

The theory of the new organization was, first, the ECONOMIC UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS; second, the PRE-EMINENCE OF THE ECONOMIC OVER THE POLITICAL MOVEMENT; third, the essential role of the economic to REFLECT THE TRUE POLITICAL PARTY OF LABOR and to furnish the machinery or the might wherewith TO ENFORCE THE FIAT OF THE BALLOT, or, be it, TO TAKE AND HOLD THE REINS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION. The theory, incarnated in the new organization, was the first application of the International Movement of the Marxian doctrine that "only the Trades Union is capable of setting on foot a true political party of Labor." Thus proudly arose the I. W. W. in the only country in which it could rise—America. It implied the revolutionizing of the system of Unionism; it implied the revolutionizing of the political Socialism of the land. Such a body spelled "Revolution" at every inch. The capitalist press denounced it in chorus; craft Union leaders spewed upon it their venom; and the pure and simple political Socialist cast

off the mask of "neutrality" and came out as unscrupulous bruisers for the A. F. of L. One touch of nature made all the three elements kin. The evidence, of the three having worked together to annihilate the I. W. W., by throttling the spirit it had kindled and the principle which animated it, is ample, circumstantial and convincing. How did they go about their work? By playing upon a majority of the General Executive Board. What the McCabes, the Kirkpatricks, the Cronins and the Mahoneys did is now a matter of history. Their heads were drawn together. The industrial feature of the organization was to be cast off; labor economics were to be suppressed; Mitchell and the A. F. of L. in general were to be left in peace. In short, a new A. F. of L. was to be set up, and the old corpse was to be rigged up in the new name of "I. W. W." so as to lure dupes into it. It goes without saying that graft of rank proportions forthwith flourished. It can not now be denied that Sherman, the ex-President, was likewise operated upon and yielded readily to the operation. The point of importance is this—suppose there had been no President, would matters have stood otherwise when the convention met? Not in the least, at least not substantially so. The "McGreggor" among the members of the G. E. B. had become a reactionist, hence a corruptionist. As a consequence, President, or no President, Reaction and Corruption would have presided anyhow. That the Presidency is comparatively a matter of little importance the issue of the convention proved. Though the "McGreggor" among the G. E. B. was Reaction and Corruption, the "McGreggor" among the rank and file being Revolution and Honesty, the latter triumphed. Had the "McGreggor" of Revolution and Honesty pervaded the G. E. B., as it did the rank and file, the reactionary and corrupt President could have been squelched by the G. E. B. as effectively as the reactionary and corrupt G. E. B. was squelched by the rank and file in convention. In short—the safety of a Labor organization rests primarily in the principle that animates it; the style and name of the officers are matters of secondary consideration; these are but "finishing touches."

The Socialist Republic, or Co-operative Commonwealth, is not likely to indulge in the puppet-show of "Presidents." For reasons, infinitely more imperative than those that to-day demand a presiding officer at meetings and conventions, at the critical time of the enforcement of the Revolution, one man with central authority will become indispensable—be his name, "President," "General," "Chairman," or what-not. But there the matter ends. Amendment III. was not undertaken by the convention as a "finishing touch." The convention had infinitely more practical work of immediate importance in hand. As explained above, Sherman, together with the majority of the G. E. B. had to be removed in short order. Once about it, the office of the President might as well be abolished with its incumbent, and was so abolished.

Amendment III. is, accordingly, a move of immediate practical importance, besides an ultimate "finishing touch" that some future convention would undoubtedly have had to put upon the organic framework of the I. W. W.

Whether it means that the pure and simple political Socialists of the so-called Socialist party in this State have made a deal with Hearst to trade off their gubernatorial candidate Chase for votes for their congressional candidate Hilquit in the Ninth Congressional district; or whether it means that Hearst supporters have made a deal with Hilquit to trade off some of their local candidates for votes for Hearst—whichever way it be, Hilquit, the Socialist party candidate for Congress is toasted at a banquet by Edwin H. Markham, a Hearstite—and there are others. Of such complexion is political Socialism.

The New York Central and Standard Oil magnates are not limbs of "unspeakable" Tammany. They lift up their skirts and pass by the other way in supreme Pharisaic pose. And now come the Courts and convict the two sets of magnates of "crimes that are much more heinous than the ordinary, common, vulgar crimes" which Tammany is guilty of. There is no choice between Tammany and the "voters of refinement" who train in the anti-Tammany political camp. Both are the "organized crime" of the city, State and land.

The conviction of the New York Central in the rebate cases amounts to a conviction of theft. What becomes of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, the chief beneficiaries of these swindles? Are not they receivers of stolen goods?



UNCLE SAM AND BROTHER JONATHAN.

BROTHER JONATHAN—I know so many good-hearted men and women among the Socialists that, for their own sakes, I hope they will never live to see the victory of the party. That day must be a very sad day for them. They would find out how they miscalculated things; it would break their hearts.

UNCLE SAM—For instance?

B. J.—For instance, they overlook the scabs. Now, one little question punctures your Co-operative Commonwealth, so-called—What will you do with the scab, seeing there are so many of them?

U. S.—What—WE would do—with the SCAB?

B. J.—Yes; what would you do with him?

U. S.—Do you know what a scab is?

B. J.—Course I do.

U. S.—A scab is a man who either is a no work or very poor work, and is willing to take the place that strikes against because that job, it may be, is better than what gets.

B. J.—I'll accept that definition exactly. What are to do with him in your Co-operative Commonwealth, so-called?

U. S.—If you accept the definition, you must accept all that flow from it.

B. J.—So I do.

U. S.—Then you must accept the conclusion that there is to-day virtually a condition of famine for many in the country.

B. J.—I'll grant that. There is not enough for all; if you fill some starving mouths you must take away from others and—

U. S.—Expose THESE to the Hon?

B. J.—Just so; you won't bring Peter to pay Paul, so to speak.

U. S.—You think there is plenty of wealth enough for all—

B. J.—Just so.

U. S.—Do you think so from the presence of the scab, who, being ready to take a poor job, shows he is starving?

B. J.—Now you got it.

U. S.—And you conclude that, being so, somebody MUST starve.

B. J.—Correct.

U. S.—Did you ever read about that \$200,000 outfit that old Leiter, of Chicago, bestowed on his daughter, the Viscountess of India, Lady Curzon?

B. J.—No! Did he?

U. S.—Yes; besides, her dower about \$500,000.

B. J.—You don't say!

U. S.—And you evidently don't know that we of America are supporting about 200 other precious heiresses in to style abroad?

B. J.—That's news to me.

U. S.—Is it also news to you that our Astors in America give \$200,000 a year? That our Pierponts spend in luxuries several millions a year, and so forth?

B. J.—(Greatly surprised)—Yes, my head swim!

U. S.—Now, do you imagine these precious loafers would starve per cent of this wealth that La not they, produced were turned months now starving?

B. J.—(recovering from his surprise)—No; they would not starve. But don't alter the case. What would you do with these starvelings in your Co-operative Commonwealth, so-called?

U. S.—Well, to tell you what we would do with the scab in our "Co-operative Commonwealth, so-called," I shall first tell you something else that will also be brand new to you. What we Socialists are really after is not so much the wealth these capitalists consume, but the machinery of production that they have robbed society of. That machinery of production (we call it "capital") is capable of producing an abundance for all. It does not do that to-day, because the robber class of capitalists don't find their account in allowing it to do so. Stripped from this private ownership that prevents machinery from being as productive as it can, and no longer needing the hordes of unproductive hirelings that capitalism breeds; no one would starve. He who will work will have the enjoyment of the abundance he produces. Where will the "scab" be then? In our "Co-operative Commonwealth, so-called," there will be left only the word "scab" as a reminder of the dirty social system that we shall have overthrown.

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENTS WHO PREFER TO APPEAR IN PRINT UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME WILL ATTACH SUCH NAME TO THEIR COMMUNICATIONS, BESIDES THEIR OWN SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS. NONE OTHER WILL BE RECOGNIZED.

C. E. MAHONEY ONCE MORE.

To The Daily and Weekly People:—By this time it should be unnecessary to take up any further statements made by C. E. Mahoney, "Acting President of the W. F. of M." concerning the late I. W. W. convention. After the gentleman's performance in the "Miners' Magazine" of October 4, where he stated that "about 200 members of the S. L. P." at the I. W. W. convention "proceeded to elect a credential committee,"—in other words, after he saw in a convention of not half 200 delegates "about 200 members of the S. L. P." reliability of the gentleman's statements is self-wounded beyond recovery. It is, accordingly, not for the superfluous purpose of re-convincing "C. E. Mahoney, Acting" of ranting that I wish to take up a certain statement made by the gentleman in the "Miners' Magazine" of the 18th of this month as his "report" of the convention. My reason for taking up the statement in question is that it affords an opportunity to make clear a point that, although made before, can not be made too clear, to wit, that the majority of the G. E. B. with which "C. E. Mahoney, Acting" acted all along, had all along been maneuvering, ever before the convention met, to prevent the holding of a convention, and that it was the cool-headedness of the Revolutionary element that thwarted the plot.

In the report, above referred to, Mahoney says:

"Upon the convention convening, the call for same was read, and President Sherman announced the appointment of the credential committee. The house immediately thrown into a turmoil. De Leon and his followers taking the position that they proceed to elect a credential committee from the floor. Their contention was overruled by the president, and the credential committee announced that they were ready to receive the credentials of the delegates. The meeting was declared adjourned, and De Leon and his followers took the position of reconvening the meeting, made an effort to elect Trautmann chairman, and were going to take the position of electing a credential committee from the floor," etc., etc.

Obvious allegations in the above statement, together with its spirit, are in keeping with the facts. The facts were:

Sherman called the convention to order, ordered the call to be read, and announced the committee on credentials. Kinsley moved that the committee on credentials be elected by the body. Sherman ruled the motion out of order. Kinsley appealed from the decision of the chair. Sherman refused to recognize the appeal and declared the convention adjourned till 2 p. m. Order had prevailed until then, but Sherman's decision created an uproar. Sims rose and called upon the delegates to keep their seats. Some one, I know not who, moved that the General Secretary-Treasurer take the chair, and the convention proceed in regular order. Sherman, McCabe, Mahoney and Kirkpatrick, pulled together and looked upon the scene with beaming faces—their plan was succeeding. It was then that I asked for the floor, having been all that time a silent spectator of what was happening. The delegates, the large majority of them, gathered, credentials in hand, around the platform from which I addressed them in substance as follows:

"I appeal to you to keep cool. Do not let us be taken into the hands of an insignificant and noisy body who are conspiring to smash it, and to keep this convention from sitting. If the motion prevails, the conspirators will carry their point. The President's action is without warrant in the constitution; it is an autocratic act. The act is also an offensive one, seeing that on that committee on credentials are men who could have been put there only for the purpose of goading this convention into a rage. On that committee is at least one contested delegate, moreover on it is a member of the G. E. B., a body that this convention mistrusts. Your indignation is justified. For that very reason be wise. Shut your eyes, for the moment, to the doubly wrongful act. Do not elect a chairman of the convention. If you do, the conspirators will have triumphed on the spot. Recognize the committee on credentials, however outrageous its appointment and the President's action in refusing to recognize the appeal and adjourning the convention."

My argument prevailed. A substitute was offered for the original motion; credentials in hand, the delegates adopted the substitute, and proceeded to headquarters where they submitted their credentials.

These were the facts, and this was the first defeat that the Sherman-McCabe-Mahoney conspirators suffered. Two days before, so was I informed by

trusty John Riordan, a casual remark was unguardedly dropped at a meeting of the G. E. B., expressive of the belief that there would be NO CONVENTION. That the conspirators actually played for that, so as to perpetuate themselves in the offices which they were desecrating is proved by their affidavits, made in court after the convention, DENYING THAT THEY HAD CALLED A CONVENTION. Their tactics at the opening of the convention are an additional link in the circumstantial chain of evidence proving the conspiracy. The cool-headedness of the Revolutionary delegates thwarted the conspiracy at the start—hence the effort of the Mahoneys falsely to make the conspirators appear as "orderly," and the majority of the convention that was conspired against as "disorderly."

DANIEL DE LEON.
New York, October 22, 1906.
1457 Ave. A.

A. M. SIMONS, "EDITOR" SPANKED.
To The Editor of the Daily and Weekly People:—

Dear Comrade,
Inclosed find a copy of a letter mailed to-day to A. M. Simons dealing with his latest idiotic utterance.

Fraternally,
Wm. R. Fox,
1510 Cutter street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

[Enclosure]
Mr. A. M. Simons, Int. Soc. Review.
Chicago, Ills.—Dear Sir:—
The October number of the "International Socialist Review" contains, in an article penned by you, the astonishing statement that, at the late I. W. W. convention at Chicago, "a bunch of half-crazed fanatics" obstructed business "over a week," and that said fanatics were led by Daniel De Leon.

As evidently, you were not personally at the convention, and I was present every session as a regularly elected delegate, let me assure you that the parties who obstructed business "over a week," yes, about two weeks, were not "half-crazed fanatics" but wholly crazed grafters, backed by some capitalist allies, and they were NOT led by Daniel De Leon.

They were misled by Charles O. Sherman.

See Sherman's confession in a capitalist sheet, the Chicago Record-Herald, Sunday October 7th, wherein he boasts that he and his allies resorted to obstruction.

To the lasting glory of Daniel De Leon, he lent honorable and able assistance to the honest, enlightened industrial unionists, who counted man for man, were about seven-ninths of the delegates against a reactionary two-ninths. I am glad to inform you that the true representatives of the working class, with whom Daniel De Leon voted, put the gangsters to flight, forcing them to stand out before the world in their true colors. The organization was placed on a firmer basis with guarantee of being properly administered.

In conclusion I will call your attention to a fact that industrial unionists will not fail to appreciate.

You were in Chicago, on the scene, all the time. You must have known what Sherman and his gang were doing. You told us nothing about it. We had to go to Chicago to learn we were being betrayed by corrupt politicians. We got rid of them only to be lampooned by you.

The Cincinnati Industrial Council, after listening to reading of your editorial lampoon, unanimously endorsed the contents of this letter.

Respectfully,
Wm. R. Fox,
1510 Cutter street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

THE REVOLUTION'S ONLY PROTECTION.

To The Daily and Weekly People:—For the present I am in a position of utter helplessness to the cause, but I feel that a word from me at this time will do good. What I wish to say is: that the only protection that the class-conscious militant Revolutionists have against the onslaughts of such gangs and sluggers as those of C. O. Sherman and company, is THEIR PRESS. Its safety is their only salvation; their only opportunity to make themselves useful and progressive depends upon its power. So find enclosed \$2.50 for the benefit of the Proletarians' only hope, the Daily People.

I shall do something, no matter how small, for it every month from this on and hope to be in a position to do more than I have ever done before before another year rolls around. To my mind, live the Revolution, means live the Daily People.

Wm. McCormick.
Rogers P. O., Cal., Oct. 19

"NEEDS NO ANSWER—REFUTES AND CONVICTS ITSELF"—EDITOR THE PEOPLE.

89 Townsend Street.
Chicago, Ill.
Editor "Weekly People," New York.

Dear Comrade:—
I have read your Convention Comments in the People of October 13. I note that you say you "left New York for the Convention with confidence in Sherman," and intended "to make his renomination speech!" I want to ask:

1. Is it or is it not a fact that you had, as is whispered, made a verbal agreement with Sherman before the Convention, whereby you promised, to help perpetuate the office of President or to help Sherman retain his office or both, which promise you did not keep?

2. Just what were the "damnable FACTS," to which you "bow down," which were revealed to you at Chicago and which "grieve you to the heart" and which you DID NOT KNOW BEFORE, which facts have, AT THIS LATE DATE forced you to conclude that Sherman is the "weakest man you have ever come across,"—"weak as mush," etc., whereas before the Convention you confided in him as a pillar of the economic movement and called him "Comrade Sherman!" at Erie on Labor Day? Surely not the extravagant pace at which he had spent the money of our treasury? That was well known to you long before Labor Day through the official reports of our Secretary-Treasurer, and the hand of comradeship you gave him then would seem to cast a measure of approval upon his expense account, which was so far above the fare of the average workingman that, however you may have expected him to explain it, to the revolutionary proletariat it could spell nothing else than the word, TREASON. Surely not the fact that Sherman was untrue to the principles of Industrialism? This had been brought forcibly to your notice in New York by his approving and supporting the work of Organizer Shurtliff. The ESSENTIAL facts regarding the Sherman administration were known to us as far away as Washington long before the Convention was called, and it is hard for me to think that you were less informed in the People Office at New York. Where were the NEW essential facts regarding Sherman that came to light in the Convention? If you had hurled the epithets you now use in reference to Sherman into his teeth BEFORE the Convention, it would at least have showed a militant spirit, but NOW? What boots it to smear a dead dragon? Of course the DEAD monster is "weak," but BEFORE, when it was thought that he was powerful and his breath was going forth to ravage the land, then was the time to have assailed him.

3. Did or did not the fact of your seeing that the majority of delegates were against Sherman influence you in any way when you decided not to make his "Renomination Speech?"

4. Would you have sought to perpetuate the office of President with all its concomitant autocratic influence in a labor organization merely because you "had confidence in Sherman?"

5. If you consider the office of President likely to work a good influence on a labor organization, why have you not favored the establishing of a Presidency of the S. L. P.?

6. Did you not know before the Convention that the delegates from the most progressive unions came instructed to vote for the abolition of the office of President? If it is not asking too much, I will ask that you publish these questions in full as well as your answers.

I may have another communication to send you soon, which you will be disposed to class in the same category as my last—on the Colorado Compromise—and call it "unparliamentary" and therefore unprintable, but I will venture to hold the opinion that it is evidence of STRENGTH on the part of an editor if he is free to print articles which purpose to show his own weakness.

Yours fraternally,
C. H. Duncan.
Chicago, October 14.

[Mr. Duncan was a delegate at the Chicago Convention from Spokane, Washington.]

THE SITUATION IN MINNESOTA.
To The Daily and Weekly People:—I desire to write a few lines relative to the situation in Minnesota with regards to our failing to get on the ballot at this time. In the first place I want to say that the undersigned by referendum vote of the party in the State, became the choice for candidate to head the ticket in this campaign. But as the S. L. P. is not an official party in this State we had to go on by petition.

In former times, we have had unlimited time in which to secure the required signatures, but in late years, the election laws have been changed in such a way that it gives us less than two weeks in which to gather 2,000 signatures or over; no doubt, with the intent of making it more difficult for minority parties to enter the field.

The party made every effort to secure the required signatures and had notaries in readiness in different parts of the State

to commence the work at the allotted time. Our notaries started their work with determination and they soon found that they had a difficult task, made more so by the similarity of my name with that of the Democratic nominee whose name is John A. Johnson, due pretty much to the agitation already started by the Democrats against the Socialist Labor Party candidate, claiming as they did, that it was intended to confuse the voters and was a plot emanating from the Republicans.

In spite of all this, they (the notaries) kept up the work till the last moment, succeeding in filing the petition with what they thought to be 2,014 signatures. When it was announced that the S. L. P. had filed, the Democratic State Committee was up in arms. They cry of fraud was raised. Not only that but they set there whole machinery in motion to disqualify the petition. Every cheap and slimy ward healer was set to work in almost every district where signers had been secured, and the methods used was to call upon signer and bulldoze him, with the view of getting him to make an affidavit to the effect that he had been led to sign under some false pretence. These worthies ran up against our men on several occasions and were told where to get off at. This move would not have availed them much as our boys had exercised great care in getting the names.

But the trouble arose on the discovery of duplicated lists in the petition, which can only be explained by the fact that in Minneapolis two petitions were circulated at the same time, one for the State and one for the Local ticket; and in preparing the State petition they got two lists of the local petition mixed in and counted them for the State. On their discovery and when being withdrawn it brought our petition below the required number; and consequently we were ruled out by the Supreme court.

I was summoned to show cause why our petitions should not be withdrawn on the ground of the applications made by the Democratic Committee, as set forth in the foregoing, and Comrade Bell and myself called at the Secretary of State's office and examined the petitions. I found their claims in regard to the duplications correct and, in discussing the matter with other members of the State Committee, we concluded that we had no ground to stand on and that it would be useless to enter a legal fight. Thus it happens that the Socialist Labor Party will not be on the ballot in the State of Minnesota at this election.

J. W. Johnson.
Secretary, Minn. S. E. C.
Minneapolis, Minn., October 16.

TWO LETTERS.
Denver, Colo., Oct. 12, 1906.
New York Weekly People,
2-6 New Reade Street,
New York City.
Gentlemen:—
I desire to notify you that the Miners' Magazine will receive no more subscriptions for the Weekly People, nor will it be clubbed with your publication.
Your Respectfully,
John M. O'Neill,
Editor Miners' Magazine.

HI.
New York, Oct. 16, 1906.
Mr. John M. O'Neill,
Denver, Colo.,
Sir:—You have only anticipated our wishes. So long as the "Miners' Magazine" remains in charge of so irresponsible a character as you have proved yourself to be, the Weekly People must discontinue the intimate association it has recently had with the "Magazine." We accordingly notify you that the Weekly People will also discontinue to receive subscriptions for the "Magazine," or to club with the same.

As to the "Magazine's" adv. in the Weekly People, we shall keep that up for the present. We believe in the Working Class being posted on all sides of a question, and we know that few things will be more aidful to the appreciation of the soundness and dignity of the Weekly People's position in the present controversy between the reactionary and deposed officials of the I. W. W., on the one hand, and the revolutionary and elected ones, on the other, than the absurd and ribald tone and arguments that you are resorting to.

I remain, with distinguished consideration, yours, etc.

Charles H. Chase,
Business Manager, Weekly People.

AN OUTRAGED MAN'S FEELINGS.

To The Daily and Weekly People:—Will you kindly grant me, as a member of the I. W. W., a little space in your paper, that I may, in my humble way, express my rebellious feelings toward those traitorous sneaks who wiggle their way into our midst under the guise of comradeship and betray our every aim and object, and live like bond holders upon our blood and bone, in the form of dues. Ever since the formation of the I. W. W. I have held that the meanest, the most contemptible fakir was the I. W. W. fakir.

Upon my return from Chicago which

I visited the latter part of August, I set about endeavoring to impress upon the minds of the I. W. W. members the necessity of not only throwing C. O. Sherman out of office, but also out of the organization. My conclusion was reached before the half hour talk which I had with that spendthrift was finished. He intimated that there was no hope for the emancipation of the working class. He said that he had been offered an office by four different R. R. orders; that they were shy of material with which to fill such offices, also shy of officers who could talk on the genuine article, half intimating that they wanted a man who could instruct the rank and file along the lines of industrialism. This whole talk was a mass of contradictions.

While I did not speak with McCabe but only saw him for two minutes, while waiting for the elevator, I formed the same opinion of him as I did of YOUR (ex) President. If that nest of alimist of all slimy labor fakirs succeed in getting a following from among those who are dissatisfied with the A. F. of L., the prospects of indulging in a unity conference on the economic field a few years hence are good. It will enable the S. P. members to realize the enormity of the fight the Socialist Labor Party has waged since the famous 10th of July 1899.

George F. Spittel.
St. Paul, Minn., October 16.

SHERMAN'S THUGS.

To The Daily and Weekly People:—C. O. Sherman, the deposed president of the I. W. W., certainly knew his business when he hired the thugs of the Mooney & Boland Detective Agency in Chicago, to browbeat the bona-fide officials of the I. W. W. a few days ago.

Mooney & Boland have their headquarters at 130 Broadway, Manhattan; and their "detectives" are credited with dogging the leading factors in the late Insurance fight. Wall street affectionately speaks of them as being "second thieves," that is, according to rumor, the Mooney & Boland sleuths always rob from the robber, hence the appellation.

It is the opinion of Central Office detectives in the financial district, that anybody with money could hire a detective from that agency to cheerfully "choke a baby" for a few dollars, so desperate a crew are they.

Claudius.
Jamaica, L. I., October 12.

AS TO THE SITUATION IN COLORADO.

To The Daily and Weekly People:—Comrade H. J. Brimble's letter on the situation in Colorado appearing in the 29th September issue of the Weekly People is the best I have seen on the subject. Comrade Brimble's presentation of the case is clear and thoroughgoing and I agree, unreservedly and "in toto," with the conclusions at which he arrives. All party members who have the welfare of our organization and the success of the proletarian revolution at heart should carefully study this document and then—when the party is called upon to record its opinion on the matter—confute with an overwhelming and thunderous NO those would-be fusionists who are in favor of delivering the S. L. P. bodily into the clutches of the reactionary "A. F. of Hell-ised" Socialist party by permitting the S. L. P. of Colorado to endorse Haywood as an S. P. candidate. Vote down Section South Hudson's proposal; show it under a hundred feet deep and re-affirm that the S. L. P. is still a party of NO COMPROMISE.

Fraternally,
J. A. Stromquist.
Blisbee, Ariz., September 20.

A TYPICAL OLD STYLE STRIKE.

To The Daily and Weekly People:—Permit me space to inform the readers of the strike in the Canadian Iron Foundry of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, which took place on August 29. The soft moulders, about forty in number, quit to a man. But the railroad car wheel moulders, they remained at work, five men of them; and they all belong to the same union.

I do not understand why those five wheel moulders are at work; and there fellow union men are out to better conditions. Nevertheless the shop is being filled with apprentices and non-union moulders from other shops, that are operated by the said Company. Not only that, but one of the car wheel moulders who took a daily report of the proceedings of the shop to the union's meetings at night, was discharged on Friday, September 25; so there are four remaining.

They now all see the strike lost and the uselessness of the petty craft unions to fight the capitalist. I have a number of I. W. W. leaflets distributed among the workers. They all see the efficiency and completeness of the I. W. W. and that in it alone lies the power to fight the capitalist class, for in it all men shall be gathered, and there shall be none left out to tear down our stronghold or fight for the capitalist class; therefore seab-

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LETTER-BOX

OFF-HAND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

NO QUESTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED THAT COME IN ANONYMOUS LETTERS. ALL LETTERS MUST CARRY A BONA FIDE SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS.

M. A. S., NEW YORK.—The route, traveled by those who wish to leave the capitalist in control, or who at least hate the fight that the Socialist Labor Party forces to the fore, has been a devious one.

First we were told: "Leave politics alone; American politics are unspeakably corrupt."

Next, or now, we are told: "Leave the Unions alone; American Unions are unspeakably corrupt."

With politics and Unions given over to the Civic Federation, wouldn't the capitalists have a jolly time?

N. D. E. AND OTHERS, CHARLESTOWN, MASS.—We have no information, one way or the other, concerning the "Oratorical Relief Society." Never heard of it.

M. S., GREENFIELD, MASS.—The article in question, expressly speaks of the wage earners in the manufacturing and mechanical industries. It expressly excludes all others in agriculture, etc. The figures are correct. Read the article over again with attention.

P. F., TORONTO, CANADA.—The name of the Smith, through whom John Mitchell operated upon the reactionists on the old G. E. B. of the I. W. W., is E. R. Smith. On one occasion he rushed into the Chicago headquarters, and before several witnesses said: "I demand that the credentials of that man Veal be revoked." Upon being asked by what right he presumed to give orders, he insisted that he had the right and would see that his orders were obeyed. Asked what was his objection to Veal, he answered furiously that Veal was making "insulting addresses about my friend Mitchell." This Smith is no member of the I. W. W.; he is the business manager of the Joliet Republican Printing Co. His orders were obeyed by Sherman. Veal's credentials were revoked.

A. R., NEW YORK.—First—The membership of the I. W. W., according to the Trautmann report was 62,000 when the convention met.

Second—What the Cuban revolutionists wanted is more than one can undertake to state. Their rank and file wanted a variety of things—from trivial up to important ones. What the schemers of the revolution wanted was to hasten the day of annexation to the United States.

"I. W. W." FALL RIVER, MASS.—The series was begun last week with the article "Amendments I and II." Will be continued from week to week until all the amendments, at least the vital ones, have been considered.

M. S., NEW YORK.—The Post Office was, fifty years ago, substantially as it is to-day—a department of Government.

S. S., NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Without the Might to enforce the Right of the ballot, the Right is a rattle to toy with. To-day Might lies with the Capitalist Class. The ballot of the Working Class is Mightless. The Might has yet to be constructed. That Might will be the I. W. W. With the Working Class organized in the I. W. W. the ballot of the Working Class will be counted, and its fiat enforced. Thence the Socialist Labor Party seeks to organize the Working Class economically. The Socialist party, on the contrary, propounds the economic organization, and approves itself thereby a collection of politicians seeking to ride the workers politically.—Read the address on "The Preamble of the I. W. W."

M. H. S., CHAMPAIGN, ILL.—Now

very will be a thing of the past and working man with working man will be at peace.

From An Observer.
Hamilton, Ont., October 8.

SECTION HARTFORD IN THE CAMPAIGN.

To The Daily and Weekly People:—Section Hartford, S. L. P. held a most encouraging street meeting last Saturday night, selling out its entire stock of literature and Peoples. The section is getting its headquarters refitted, and when the alterations are through, we will have the best headquarters we ever had in Hartford.

The Hartford boys are preparing to work hard and together, I like the looks of the team system of getting subs for The People which I see explained in its columns, and will get one of the members here to work along with me. It will make it much easier and pleasanter to have two men aiding each other in getting in touch with those whom we want to subscribe to The People or read our literature. Last year I sold, single-handed, 512 pamphlets besides getting a few subs for the Weekly People, and Der Arbeiter, the Jewish organ. Whether

I get a team mate or not, I am going to begin again, and keep it up. No one will help the working class but the working class itself.

James B. Williams,
Hartford, Conn., Oct. 14.

The average yearly income of the workman is \$300-\$400 a year.

The dead-line was introduced by the Railroad Corporations. It began about twenty years ago. In the railroad service the dead-line is the age of thirty-eight years, not forty. We shall presently have some chapters from a railroad man on the subject.

F. T., NEW YORK.—What did De Leon say to Sherman when Sherman attempted to corrupt him with the offer of the editorship of the "Industrial Worker"? The answer was: "Sherman, J. Pierpont Morgan hasn't cash enough to pay me for that job."

J. M. R., TORONTO, CANADA.—There is no great hurry about typewriting Eugene Sue's story "The Iron Collar." The story that precedes it is not yet printed. When you see it started in the Daily People, then put on steam.

D. H., HUNTINGTON, ARK.—The revolution that gave birth to capitalist society in America (the American Revolution) forthwith began evolving the biologic focus of the Socialist Republic. The struggles of the small bourgeois with the upper capitalists and the course of trustification—that is the evolutionary process which has been preceding the pending and now ripe revolution of the birth of the Co-operative Commonwealth.

Next question next week.

D. P., NEW YORK.—The man who has his fingers in the half of the Gomperses, the Shermans, the McCabe's and the Mitchells has his fingers in the hair of the Belmonts and the Standard Oil. He has not his fingers in the hair of the workmen.

E. R., PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Didst ever hear the term "land-poor"? Of course. It is a common term to-day. It means a man with plenty of land, yet unable to hold his own. Such a term was unknown a hundred years ago. A hundred years ago he who had land had all that was needed to get along. The fact that present conditions have given birth to the term "land-poor" clearly enough proves that the rule of the landlord is over. The capitalist rules to-day.

E. F. E., NEW YORK.—Sherman little realizes what it is he says when he says the S. L. P. dominated the I. W. W. convention,—and threw him and his pack down. When he says that he seeks to make out of the struggle was a political one. If it was that, who started it? Why, he; and then the question comes, What political party did he act as the agent of? The fact is that the struggle was between the I. W. W. and the A. F. of L., with him trying to do the dirty work for the A. F. of L.—and he and it were rolled in the dust. Of course, pure and simple political Socialism went down with him; could not be otherwise. Pure and simple political Socialism being a reflex of the A. F. of L. could not choose but share the trouncing that the A. F. of L. got at the convention.

G. W. T., NEWARK, N. J.—Don't write on both sides of sheet.—All others keep this in mind.

A. O. G., ANAconda, CAL.; A. C., MANISTEE, MICH.; M. S., SCHEENECTADY, N. Y.; F. W., ANACONDA, MONT.; W. C., CHICAGO, ILL.; W. F. M., SAN ANTONIO, TEX.; W. J. S., CRIPPLE CREEK, COLO.; T. J. J., INDIANAPOLIS, IND.; C. C. C., PLEASANTVILLE, N. Y.; I. N., PORT JERVIS, N. Y.; J. M. L., NEWBURG, N. Y.—Matter received.

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N. E. C. SUB-COMMITTEE
A regular meeting of the N. E. C. sub-committee was held at 2-6 New Reade street, October 19, at eight p. m. Present: Olpp, Jacobson, Crawford, Telchaut, Heyman, Schwenk, Moren, Absent with excuse, Anderson, Katz, Gillhaus, Walsh, Olson, Absent without excuse, Vaughan, Coddington. Schwenk was made chairman and Moren secretary pro tem. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read. The financial report showed receipts \$141.48 and expenditures \$204.19. The Press Committee reported progress on the plan to raise funds for agitation. On the complaint submitted by Section Essex County, N. Y., the press committee reported that both the officials of the section and the Labor News Co. were at fault in the matter of the publication of the campaign leaflet which did not bear the Party emblem. Moved and seconded to concur in the report of the committee.

Communications from Chas. Zolot, resignation as a member of the N. E. C. sub-committee, due to change of residence. From E. B. Ford, Fairbault, Minn., a request to be permitted to use the emblem of the S. L. P. at the head of the editorial column of the "Referendum." It was resolved that, according to Art. IX, Sect. IV-V of the Party constitution, the N. E. C. sub-committee was forbidden to enter into official relations with a privately owned paper and hence could not grant the request. From Orleanville, Minn., an application for a charter signed by twelve individuals. Application granted. From Omaha, Neb., a request for materials with which to organize a section. From organizer Gillhaus on work in Colorado. From Brimble of Colorado, on agitation in Cripple Creek. From Veal, organizing in Wisconsin, on his work there and local conditions. Veal's resignation to take effect after the close of the campaign, was accepted, and the National Secretary instructed to express to comrade Veal the appreciation of the sub-committee for his faithful work for the Party. From Thomas Farrell, Melrose, Mont., application for membership at large. Granted. From Mass. S. E. C., recommending comrade Gledo Marrarela as representative of the S. L. P. at the convention of the Italian Socialist Federation. Marrarela was elected.

The special committee appointed to investigate charges of Section Bisbee, against editor of The People then reported that it had discovered the charges of complicity in action of Colo. S. E. C. in the Haywood matter, were unfounded. Adjourned. A. Moren, Secretary pro tem.

CANADIAN H. E. C.
London, October 7.—Regular meeting of N. E. C. Wetzel absent, no excuse. Pease chairman. Minutes of the two previous meetings adopted as read. Bill from Lewis & Son for \$3.50, for 1,000 Manila covers for constitutions ordered paid.

From W. Golpin, Bournemouth, England, member of S. L. P. and reader of People. Com. was received and Secretary, instructed to reply. Motion carried unanimously that we notify C. H. Chase manager of New York Labor News Co. regarding constitutions. Duly moved and carried that we notify sections that we have new constitutions which will cost sections four cents a piece and advise sections to charge five cents a piece.

It was decided that the National Secretary hand over monies to treasurer (of the British Columbia Organizer Fund) to be placed in a Bank till called for.

BRONX RATIFICATION MEETING.
Final arrangements have been made to hold a Grand Ratification Meeting under the joint auspices of the S. L. P. Assembly Districts in the Borough of the Bronx. The purpose of the meeting is to ratify the candidates of the Socialist Labor Party and increase the interest in S. L. P. agitation in the Bronx.

The meeting will be held at Zetter's Casino, 179th street and 75th avenue, on Monday evening, October 29, and the speakers will be Daniel De Leon, James T. Hunter, Frank Bohn and others. Notify your Bronx acquaintances and help make the meeting a thorough success.

MILWAUKEE, TAKE NOTICE!
Section Milwaukee, Socialist Labor Party, has arranged a Grand Entertainment and Ball, to be given SUNDAY, October 28, at Freie Gemeinde Hall, 262 4th street. The committee having the affair in charge promises all who attend an enjoyable time. Readers of The Weekly People are cordially invited to attend, together with their friends. Admission 10 cents, after 6 p. m. 25 cents.

GENERAL AGITATION FUND.
During the week ending October 20, the following amounts were received for the support of three active and sturdy S. L. P. organizers:
E. M. Dawes, Sunset, Calif. \$ 2.00
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Note—All those who hold campaign subscription lists are urged to remit thereon as speedily as possible. Expenses are heavy during the last few weeks of the campaign and receipts have not kept pace. Push collections and send on the funds quickly.
Henry Kuhn, Fin. Secy.
N. Y. State Executive Committee.

JACKSON'S TOUR
From New York City to Buffalo. Saturday, Oct. 27, Salamanca. Sunday and Monday, Oct. 28-29, Jamestown. Tuesday, Oct. 30, Dunkirk. Oct. 31 to Nov. 3, Buffalo and vicinity. Comrades, friends and sympathizers in the towns mentioned above, are earnestly requested to lend their aid in making these meetings the success they should be.
N. Y. S. E. C., S. L. P.

GRAND DEMONSTRATION AND RALLY.
A meeting to ratify the nominations of the Socialist Labor Party, will be held under the joint auspices of the Eighteenth and Twentieth Assembly Districts, S. L. P., on Tuesday evening, October 30, 1906, at 8 o'clock, at Bohemian National Hall (Lower Hall), 321-323 East Seventy-third street, to be addressed by the following: Dr. Abraham Levine, Frank Bohn, James T. Hunter, Miss Elizabeth G. Flynn, Daniel De Leon.

JEWISH CAMPAIGN LEAFLET READY.
A Jewish campaign leaflet written by Joseph Schlossberg, Editor of Der Arbeiter is now ready and can be had at the office of Section New York County S. L. P. at 2-6 New Reade street, Manhattan.
Assembly District organizations in whose territory there is a large Jewish population would do well by sending in their orders for this leaflet and make a thorough distribution of the same.
L. Abelson, Organizer.

RED DISC POSTER OUT.
The New York State Committee has had 5,000 posters printed, with the party emblem in a red disc, and the name of the candidate for Governor underneath in black. Sections are requested to write undersigned for them; stating number wanted.
Also give number of watcher's certificates required. J. Ebert, Secretary.
2-6 New Reade Street, N. Y. City.

GILLHAUS STIRS
OLD PARTY POLITICIANS INTO EXPOSING THEMSELVES.
Lashed By His Truths, They Disturb His Meetings, and Open the Eyes of Their Followers By So Doing—A List of the Culprits.

Grand Junction, Colo., October 10.—On Monday evening, October 8, we held an open air meeting at the corner of Main and 4th streets. Wm. J. Knight opened the meeting, calling the attention of the audience to the lawlessness of the Democratic and Republican parties, by the non-enforcement of labor laws put on the statute books. That Knight's charge was true, was borne out later in the evening when with the full sanction of the marshal, mob rule was allowed to prevail, backed by leading politicians of the city.

Gillhaus, national organizer of the Socialist Labor Party was introduced by Knight, as the speaker of the evening. Gillhaus had not spoken very long in his expose of capitalism, when an intoxicated man began interfering with the meeting. The marshal, Chris O'Neill, and his assistant, Maje Horton, when called upon to keep order encouraged the drunkard, J. W. Brown, going so far as to grasp his hand and congratulate him, for breaking all laws, of decency and otherwise. Gillhaus got in some good lines, calling attention to the fact that the only argument the old parties have to offer is rowdism.

The marshalls were backed by leading politicians of both old parties. One Sampliner, who is the Democratic ex-mayor of Grand Junction, and a leader in the Democratic party and who has a gents furnishing store corner of 4th and Main streets, made himself quite conspicuous in the mob, by shouting lustily for Bryan and giving the drunkard a nickel. This evidently seemed very small pay, for the drunkard returned the nickel to Sampliner.

Sampliner was assisted by M. Hertz, who, in the last campaign, was and is now a member of the Republican Campaign Committee.

Ed. Slocum, an anti-saloon Republican, helped the booze fighting democrat to disturb the meeting.

The former editor and owner of the "Herald," Martin, a republican, shouted himself hoarse, hurrahing for the drunkard.

The Democratic candidate for county clerk, A. N. Bucklin, showed his love for the working class, by hurrahing also and encouraging the hoodlum tactics employed by the politicians of both parties.

J. U. Harris, another prominent Democrat, and an ex-County Commissioner, egged on the drunkard by generously applauding all of his antics.

There are a number of other politicians whose names could not be obtained, whom we would have liked to show up in this article. Such boosters of the capitalist class should be held up to the public lime light, in order to show to the working class what contemptible means the Demo-Rep. politicians will resort to, to keep them in ignorance.

If the politicians believe they had a good night's fun, they may as well be informed that the disgraceful proceedings of Monday night has lost them a large number of votes, as a large number of decent workmen said: "We shall never vote another Republican or Democratic ticket; it is plain to us that the speaker told the truth when he stated, that the only arguments the old parties have to offer against Socialism is rowdism, that they cannot meet a Socialist in debate, as they have nothing to stand on."

When order was restored, some of the hoodlums started Brown, the drunkard's team going. It was then that the officer of the Humane Society interfered and took Brown's team away, so as to feed and give them a drink, something this drunkard did not do all day, although he put a number of John Barleycorns under his own belt.

This is the kind of character, Bunting editor and owner of "The Sentinel," and Democratic mayor of Grand Junction uphold. In his issue of October 9, he applauded Brown's conduct. Meetings were held on the same corner, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, without further disturbance.

One Who Was There.
KATZ AND BROOK'S TOUR.
Wednesday, October 24, Rome. Thursday, October 25, Utica. Friday, October 26, Little Falls. Saturday, October 27, Gloversville. Sunday, October 28, Schenectady. Monday, October 29, Amsterdam. Tuesday, October 30, Albany. Wednesday, October 31, Troy. Thursday, November 1, Glen Falls. Friday, November 2, Schoharie. Saturday, November 3, Schenectady.

BERNINE IN TRENTON.
New Jersey State Organizer Puts Socialist Party on Record.
Trenton, N. J., October 15.—Once more the Socialist Labor Party has put the Socialist party on record, but this time the record is indelibly stamped on the minds of workmen at Trenton.

Last Friday afternoon I arrived in Trenton and advertised among as many as I could a meeting at Front and Broad streets, the regular meeting place of the S. P. I was told the S. P. would have no meeting on Saturday night as they had no speaker.

That afternoon, however, I met some Socialist party men who told me that two speakers had come in unexpectedly from Newark. However, I was on the ground at 7.30. Then two Socialist party men went and asked the chairman to allow me to occupy half the time, the Socialist party man talking on the political phase, while I should talk on the I. W. W. They told him they had two speakers and would not divide the time. I did not care as I was willing to bide my time and hear what they had to say.

The speaker was announced as a recent arrival from Liverpool, England. On taking the box he said that he had been in this country some time and was familiar with working class conditions here. After talking for about a half hour he said he would close so as to make way for the speaker who was to follow him, and he would answer any questions so that the subsequent speaker could have as much time as he needed. Cautioning the crowd that at S. P. meetings there were always some present, who would ask questions because they thought they were smarter than the S. P. speaker.

I then got close in front of him with Debs' pamphlet, "Industrial Unionism." In my hand and when he had lost his breath I asked him if he would define the function of Industrial Unionism.

Turning to the crowd, he said, "This is one of the fellows I warned you against. He is a Socialist Labor Party man." I am opposed to Industrial Unionism." He then started a tirade. I went across the street and slammed a box on the pavement. I took my box, held the Debs' pamphlet aloft, telling the crowd that here was a work on Industrial Unionism by a member of the I. W. W., also of the Socialist party, and if they would come over I would answer the question. They came.

I said: "A party which advocates, at this critical juncture, when the revolution is imminent, political action along to the working class is a criminal party. It may be ignorant, but when a criminal is brought before the judge and pleads ignorance of the law, the judge tells him that ignorance of the law is no excuse. The judge in this case is the working class and when this criminal S. P. shall come before the judge, pleading ignorance, that judge will state that ignorance of the facts that underlie the labor movement is no excuse; and this criminal party shall stand condemned before the working class, the sole and only judge."

I did not call any name; did not use the terms fakir or crook, but proceeded to define the functions of a union of the working class, and the duty a political party was under to dismantle the burg of capitalism, clearing the way so that the organized working class could take up the administration of affairs.

It seemed to me as if one man spoke, but the low murmur went all around that circle of men, and it was this: "Well, what kind of fakirs are those people anyway?"

In the bright white light of the revolution the fakir and crook stand exposed. There is no use for the S. L. P. to use the terms.

I closed by telling of the clubbing of St. John in Chicago, I feel satisfied that the record is distinctly impressed on the workers who were present. Many booklets were sold.

Theo. Bernine, New Jersey State Organizer, Socialist Labor Party.

LOUISVILLE CAMPAIGN.
Shows Growing and Encouraging Interest on Part of Working Class.
Louisville, Ky., October 15.—As our campaign approaches its close in this city we find decidedly more interest and more encouragement than we have ever had in any previous campaign.

At our open air meeting last night we sold 21 booklets and distributed a large number of copies of the Weekly People, not a single copy of which did we observe lying on the street anywhere after the meeting. We believe we shall be able to report twice as large a sale of booklets at the end of this campaign as we were ever able to report before.

The Methodist parson whom we reported in a former letter as agreeing to meet a representative of the Socialist

HABEAS CORPUS
MOYER-HAYWOOD CASE UP IN U. S. SUPREME COURT.
NO DECISION YET RENDERED.

Prosecutor Hawley Declares Kidnaping Perfectly Legal—Even if Illegal Prisoners Should Not Be Released, He Argues—Humor of Court at Present Seems Not to Favor Release of Mine Owners' Victims.

Washington, October 10.—The supreme court of the United States heard argument to-day in the cases of Charles H. Moyer, W. D. Haywood and George A. Pettibone, officers and members of the Western Federation of Miners, who are in prison in Idaho under a charge of murdering ex-Governor Steunenberg of that State. The case comes to this court on appeal from the decision of the Idaho federal court refusing to grant writs of habeas corpus. The case of the prisoners was presented by E. F. Richardson of Denver and C. S. Darrow of Chicago, and for the State of Idaho by J. H. Hawley of Boise.

The principal point in controversy was the method by which the Idaho authorities secured jurisdiction over the men. All of them are residents of Colorado, and it is alleged on behalf of Moyer and his associates that they were kidnapped in pursuance of a conspiracy to which the governor of Colorado and the Idaho authorities were parties, and hence that jurisdiction was acquired by fraud. The act was denounced as "a flagrant malfeasance of executive duty from the contemplation of which right-thinking people turn with loathing."

Hawley contended that the extradition proceedings had been entirely regular, and referring to the reflections upon the Idaho and Colorado authorities, said the courts could not afford to countenance such abuse of high officials by counsel. He took the position that even if it were true that the governor of Colorado had connived at the removal of the federation officials in an irregular way the remedy was in an action for damages and that the status of the prisoners could not be affected by such a course on the part of the Colorado executive.

DARROW'S APPEAL.
Closes Argument Before Supreme Court on Release of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

Washington, Oct. 11.—Clarence Darrow made the closing argument for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone to-day. The decision of the court may be rendered on Monday. Darrow made a stirring plea for the liberation of the men, covering practically the same ground as Richardson yesterday, but the questions asked strengthened the conclusion that the court would not interfere but let the case go to trial.

Darrow declared that the defendants had continually fought for a prompt trial but it had been denied them. He severely denounced Gooding, McDonald and Van Dyke for their illegal and high-handed conspiracy.

I. W. W. TAKE NOTICE!
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 20, 1906.
To Officers and Members of the I. W. W.: Pending a decision by the Court in the matter of the injunction restraining Sherman and others, the hearing of which has been set for October 20, all loyal officers and members of the I. W. W. are instructed to address communications to WM. E. TRAUTMANN, Room 310 Bush Temple, Chicago, Ill., marked "Personal." Include in address no title or reference to the I. W. W., otherwise the communication will not reach us until after the date named above. Follow this instruction to insure prompt reply.
By order Advisory Board,
P. F. LAWSON, Secy.

Labor Party in debate has crawled. I wrote inviting him to be present at our meeting to arrange details of debate, and also visited his office where failing to find his reverence, I left an invitation with his stenographer for him to meet us, but we have never heard from our reverend friend any more.

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tricks had showed up Mitchell, the banqueting friend of Belmont. Smith declared this must stop, that Veal was insulting Mitchell, and raising a revolt against him, and obedient to Smith Veal's credentials were revoked, and even the coal miners refused admittance to the I. W. W. The pure and simple political Socialists did their part in these manoeuvres.
De Leon said he was not so soft hearted that he would not hang traitors. In war it was necessary. In war we cannot dilly dally. But he thought that the reactionary members of the old G. E. B. did as they did because they knew no better. He had heard that Sherman once asked "Who is this man Marx that I hear them talking about?" McCabe wanted to know what a "Dutchman like Trautmann" could know of America, while Kirkpatrick thought the only trouble was the S. L. P. They, the Sherman element, were ignorant, knew nothing, and figs cannot be expected to grow on thistles. The speaker thought a pretty good touchstone to apply to a man, upon whom responsibility was to be placed, was to ask him how long he thought it would be before the working class would accomplish its emancipation. The man who places it 100 or more years off cannot be a revolutionist to-day. He is a Utopian whose utopianism will assume the practical manifestation of feathering his own nest now. He knows not or ignores Marx's words; that the working class, no matter how dumb or stupid it may appear, in that working class there is a spirit, a consciousness of working class interests, a chord that when rightly touched will answer in response. Once we can touch that chord the answering response will come forthwith, and the end of capitalism will begin. With 1,000 revolutionary agitators in the field, touching that class interest chord, within ten years the death of capitalism can be registered. Class instincts, class wants, class aspirations, the class struggle—of these the reactionist-grafter knows nothing, to him emancipation is a thousand years off, and he thinks it then must come from above, while we know it must come from below.
The speaker dwelt at considerable length on the constitutional amendments adopted by the convention. Speaking of the abolition of the presidency he said the convention did not do it to get rid of Sherman. What the convention did do was rid itself of Shermanism.
De Leon recalled that 13 years ago Powderly was deposed by the Knights of Labor after being convicted of paying himself out of funds raised for benefit of men on strike in the Coeur d'Alene. In that day the clean men had to line up with men who were about as bad as Powderly, in order to depose him. But at Chicago not a man on the revolutionary side but was a revolutionist. It is only thirteen years since Powderly went down but the distance travelled is 1,300 years.
The I. W. W. convention this year is a sign and a warrant that not much longer shall the land be sodden with the blood of the working class, that not much longer shall the children of the workingman be taken and ground into profits, that not much longer shall any workingman bend his back, a slave. Progress in the next 13 years, equal to that of the 13 years closed with the Chicago convention will see the dome of the Co-operative Commonwealth rearing its proud form over the land that capitalism now desolates.
At the close of the speech half a dozen questions were asked and answered to the satisfaction of the questioners.

LABOR NEWS NOTES.
The more important orders for the week were pamphlets: B. H. Williams, Eureka, Cal., \$10.50; C. U. Starkenberg, Fairbanks, Alaska, \$28.25; S. L. P. Great Britain, \$48.70; I. W. W. Local No. 173, San Francisco, \$7.00; Providence, R. I., \$2.65; Elmira, N. Y., \$2.05; Melrose, Mont., \$1.50; Yonkers, N. Y., \$2.00; Frank Young, Connecticut, \$3.50; Boston, Mass., \$0.88; 20-28 A. D. N. Y., \$1.40; No. Attleboro, Mass., \$2.00.
Leaflets: I. W. W. headquarters Chicago 40,000; New Jersey, 20,000; Boston 5,000; Louisville, Ky., 2,000 To Kings County, N. Y. 500 Posters, arm and hammer.

The campaign is nearing its close. If you have done nothing else put out some leaflets now. Get some: "Who Shall Have Control Over Industry?" \$2.00 per thousand. Hustle in your orders.

CHARLES EGGETT.

Accidental Death of Active Socialist.
Telegrapher by Trade.
Chicago, Ill., October 15.—Charles Eggett, of Toronto, Canada, aged 35, a telegraph operator in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Co. here, was found dead in his sleeping apartment Wednesday noon, October 10th, overcome by illuminating gas. The Coroner's Jury brought in a verdict of accidental death.

It appears that Comrade Eggett, on retiring to his night's rest, about eleven o'clock, on turning out the gas, by mistake turned it on again. Comrade Eggett was an old Socialist, formerly of England before arriving in Canada, where he resided for a number of years. He was an untiring agitator up to the time of his demise. While working in Toronto he was engaged by the Western Union Telegraph Co. and with a number of operators went on strike there for a betterment of living conditions some three years ago and was forced to adopt an assumed name to escape the damnable weapon of Capitalism—the blacklist. That he might earn a living for himself and family he took the name of J. W. Jupp.

His loss will long be felt among the Socialists of Chicago. His remains were taken to Canada, Friday afternoon for interment. He is survived by six children.